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The Roach Testimonial.

Through the courtesy of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, we are enabled to present this week the first illustration which has been given to the public of the service of silver presented to Mr. John Roach, in recognition of his enterprise in establishing upon a successful basis the business of iron shipbuilding in this country. As our readers will remember, this testimonial was presented to Mr. Roach at a dinner given in his honor on the evening of Thursday, April 30, at Delmonico's, in this city, by the leading ship owners and merchants of New York and others interested in the re-establishment of our commerce.

shipbuilding." Around this inscription and accompanying engravings is an ornamental scroll border, on which are given the names of the eighty-two subscribers to the testimonial. The names are so artistically worked into the design that the lettering appears simply as an ornamental part of it. The names are:

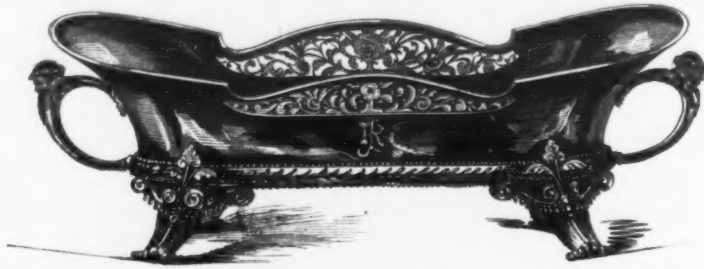
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tian style of workmanship. They all rest upon winged sphinxes, and are ornamented with heads and other designs studied from Egyptian antiquities. The ground work of the several objects is finished in frosted silver, while the raised parts, heads, etc., are of gold. The salver alone weighs three hundred ounces, and the other objects are equally massive.

The designing and carving of this service are in the highest degree artistic, and the Gorham Manufacturing Company are justly entitled to great credit for the taste and judgment they have displayed in executing an order for so costly a work in which so much was necessarily left to them. Probably nothing finer was ever made in silver. American workmanship in this

great ends, it would be impossible for any man to begin a career with less than he had to start him in life. He has worked as a laborer in an iron mine, and in every department of a foundry and machine shop, and from those positions up to the head of American iron shipbuilding—an industry in which several millions are invested to-day, but which virtually had no existence five years ago. All that he now possesses he has won by ability, perseverance and integrity, and by his power of inspiring others with confidence. He has always been very popular with his workmen, and he is a comprehensive, exact and eloquent speaker on subjects relating to his trade. Mr. Roach is of sandy complexion, wears no whiskers, is about 5 feet



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The service consists of a coffee urn, hot water kettle, after-dinner coffee pot, tea pot, sugar bowl, sloop bowl, a large fruit dish and a salver. The salver is 22x30 inches in size and oval in form. The rim is protected by a raised balustrade, with an open-work tracery of the Corinthian order of ornamentation. This tracery is of gold. At the sides of the salver are half oval plaques or medallions, bearing a bas-relief of the new iron steamship City of Pekin. The handles at the ends are of oxidized silver, and ornamented in harmony with the general design.

The surface of the salver has an engraving of the shipyard at Chester, Pa., with a view of the launch of the City of Pekin. At either end are allegorical designs representing commerce, and also a view of the Morgan Iron Works, in this city. Above these engraved designs is the following inscription: "Presented to John Roach, April 30, 1874, in recognition of his eminent services to the commercial interests of the United States in promoting and sustaining iron

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The next object of importance in the group is the fruit dish, which is of a graceful oblong form supported upon feet of a scroll pattern, and with open work sides, inlaid with gold. The handles are of rich design and ornamented with Egyptian heads. The general design and finish of the smaller objects are of the Egyp-

metal is acknowledged to be superior to that of any other country, and the Gorham Company have, by this crowning success, excelled all previous efforts.

It is scarcely necessary to speak in this connection of a gentleman so well known as the recipient of this testimonial, but to those who know him only by reputation a brief sketch will be of more than ordinary interest. Mr. John Roach is by birth an Irishman, and about 60 years of age. He has lived in our country for 46 years, and has as much genuine American feeling, and as comprehensive an appreciation of his adopted land, as though he were a native thereof. The high to which a man may attain in this world is perhaps a matter of opinion, to a certain extent, since every one is disposed to award the measure of greatness to an individual mainly according to the preference of the person forming the opinion for a given department of the world's affairs. But irrespective of the sphere in which he wrought his conspicuous success, Mr. Roach may justly claim that, whoever else may have achieved

9 inches in height, is of strong build, and weighs about 165 lbs. He is a pleasant, keen and facile conversationalist, his hair is gray only in part, and his vigor seems very slightly diminished by 45 years of hard work, both as laborer and capitalist.

At a recent meeting of German engineers a new method of joining gas pipes was described, which may interest some of our readers: Instead of the usual projecting end, the pipes have creases or channels around them. When placed in contact, end to end, a strip of soft lead is bound about them, and pressed tightly against the pipes by a wrought iron ring. The advantages claimed are that the pipes are lighter and more easily cast; less lead is required to make the joint tight; no heat is required for applying it; it is quickly done; and especially that the joint is somewhat elastic, and will last longer in soft ground, or when heavily loaded.

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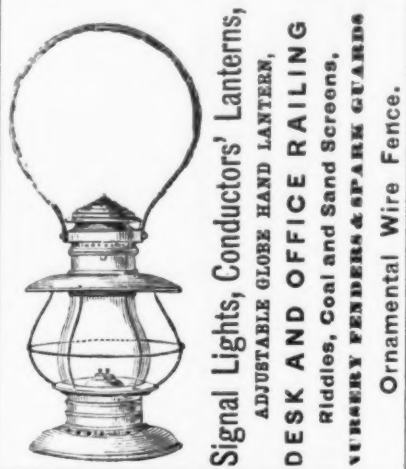
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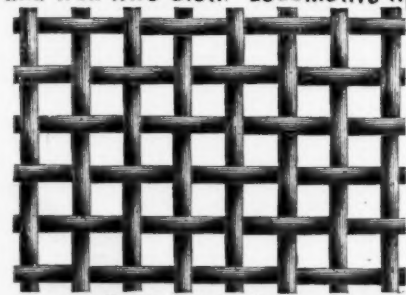
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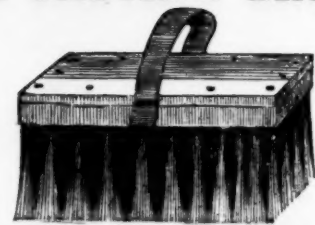
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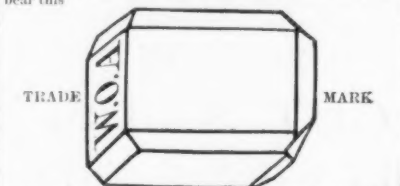
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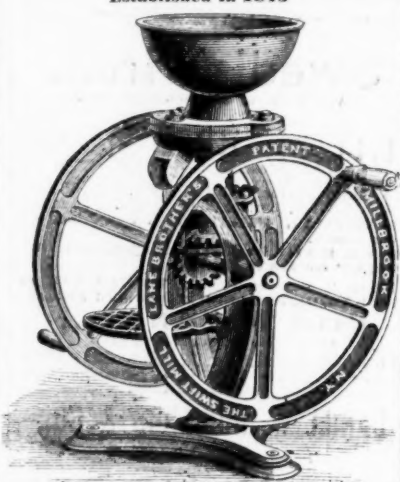
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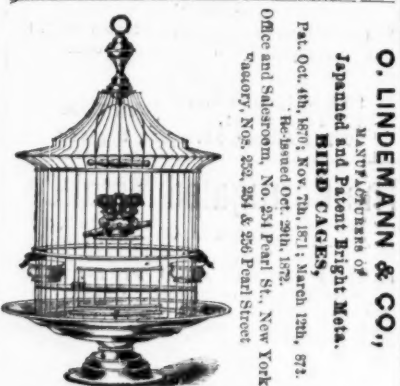
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Notes on the Properties of Metals.

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OXIDATION.

In the preceding articles of this series we gave some interesting items of information on the characteristics of metals in general. We shall now speak more specifically of the metals most commonly employed in manufacturing and the arts.

IRON.

Iron, of which the chemical symbol is Fe., an abbreviation of its Latin name, *ferrum*, is the most abundant of all the metals, excepting aluminum. In its native form it is rarely found, except in meteoric stones and in platinum ores; but the ores of iron—the oxides, sulphides, etc.—are liberally distributed all over the globe. A familiar and easy mode of obtaining pure iron in the laboratory is by heating the proto-chloride in a glass tube, through which a current of hydrogen is passed.

The ore richest in the metal is the *magnetite*, which is chemically known as the black-oxide of iron.

The rich specular and other iron ores of Spain and Elba were much used by the Romans; in Greece, also, iron was known, and the ancient Britons also employed it for the manufacture of lance and spear heads. Until 1618 the only fuel used in smelting iron was charcoal.

Iron has very powerful affinities for most of the non-metallic elements, and notably for oxygen, carbon phosphorus, sulphur, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

As a description of modes of iron manufacture would far exceed the limits of the present article, we are obliged to forego entering upon it.

Steel is an alloy of iron, which is, or may be, cast while in a molten state into a malleable ingot. This is the briefest and most concise definition of steel which can be given, and will serve our purpose in this instance better than one inviting a discussion of its chemical constitution.

COPPER.

The word copper is derived from the Island of Cyprus, where it was first wrought by the Greeks. The best method of obtaining it pure is to dissolve it in nitric acid; the solution is then diluted, and a piece of iron introduced, upon which the pure metal is precipitated, any adherent particles of iron being readily removed by washing with dilute sulphuric acid. Another method has lately been discovered of purifying copper, namely, by melting 100 parts of it with 10 parts of copper scales (black oxide), along with 10 parts of ground bottle-glass, or other flux. Mr. Lewis Thompson, who received a gold medal from the Society of Arts, for this invention, says that, after the copper has been kept in fusion for half an hour, it will be found at the bottom of the crucible, perfectly pure, while the iron, lead, arsenic, &c., &c., with which this metal is usually contaminated, will be oxidized by the scales, and will dissolve in the flux, or be volatilized. Thus he has obtained perfectly pure copper from brass, bell-metal, gun-metal, and several other alloys, containing from 4 to 50 per cent. of iron, lead, bismuth, antimony, arsenic, &c. The scales of copper are cheap, being the product of every large manufactory. Copper melts at a white heat, and by slow cooling may be crystallized. Its specific gravity is 9, nearly. It melts at a temperature of 1900° Fahr.

The reduction of copper ore is made by several consecutive processes. The first is by calcining it, and when the ore is sufficiently "roasted" to oxidize the iron which it contains, it is melted. The melted metal is, after a time, suffered to flow into a pit filled with water, by which it becomes granulated.

It then undergoes further heating, its slag, or scoria, is taken off, and it is allowed again to run off into water. After these processes, it is cast in sand, and in this state is called "blistered copper." It is now fit for what is called the refinery, and undergoes an operation called toughening. This is a delicate operation, and requires great skill and care on the part of the workmen. It is conducted in a furnace similar to the melting furnace, and the object is to thoroughly purify the metal from any portions of oxygen, which is performed by adding charcoal to the copper, while it is in fusion, and stirring it occasionally, till it is judged to be pure.

TIN.

This metal has also been known from the remotest ages. It is mentioned by Eleazar, the priest, in the book of Numbers, chapter 31st, verse 22d. All the other metals supposed to have been then known are enumerated in the same passage. This carries the knowledge and use of tin back 1500 years B. C. The Phoenicians used tin in the erection and decoration of the Temple of Solomon. Their brass was bronze; zinc had not then been discovered. We read of tin, also, having been got by the Carthaginian navigator, Himiles, from the Scilly Islands, which certainly present appearances of ancient excavations. Tin occurs, native, in two forms—as peroxide, and as sulphuret of tin and copper. The last is rare; the former constitutes the great source of tin, and is mixed with arsenic, copper, zinc, and tungsten. When occurring in rounded masses, grains, or sand in alluvial soil, it is called stream tin. The metal reduced from the tin ore forms block tin; that from the stream tin forms grain tin.

The greater part of the East Indian tin comes from Sum, Malacca and Banca. The Banca mines were discovered in 1711; in 1776 there were ten pits, which were worked by the Chinese for the King of Palimbang. One hundred and twenty-five pounds cost him only five dollars. The greater part went to Alina, or was used in India.

The best ore of tin is found in Cornwall. It is commonly blasted out with gunpowder, and

is procured in pieces of considerable size, which are stamped to powder by beams shod with iron. It is then washed until the earthy particles are carried off, and the tin is fit for the smelting house.

After being roasted in a reverberatory furnace, and again washed, it is a second time subjected to the furnace, being now mixed with small coal, and, in some cases, with a small quantity of lime. The smelted tin thus produced is placed in a small furnace and exposed to a gentle heat, when the purest portion melts first, and is drawn off. This is called "common grain tin." And the inferior, which still contains a small proportion of copper and arsenic, is then cast into pigs, called "block tin."

The purest tin is procured from the stream works of Cornwall, and affords from 65 to 75 per cent. of the best grain tin; its specific gravity is about 7.5; it melts at a temperature of 442°.

ZINC.

Zinc is a metal whose extensive range of application is only now beginning to be understood. It is found in the state of oxide and sulphuret; its specific gravity is about 7.7; its fusing point is 773°, but at a temperature of 300° it becomes extremely malleable, and may be rolled into thin leaves, or drawn into fine wire. One of its most valuable modern applications is as a protective covering for iron, being the best known substance for this purpose. The purifying of zinc may be effected by melting the impure metal with lead, in equal parts, in a deep iron pot, stirring them well together, skimming off the impurities as they rise, covering the surface with charcoal to prevent oxidation, and keeping them in a fused state for three hours. The lead descends to the bottom by its greater weight, and leaves the zinc above, to be drawn off by a pipe in the side of the melting pot.

LEAD.

Lead was also known to the ancients. Its specific gravity is 11.4, and it melts at a temperature of 612°. It is highly poisonous, and the greatest amount of caution ought to be observed in its application to domestic purposes, as, when in contact with water in open vessels, it quickly oxidizes, and small crystalline scales of oxide of lead are formed, a portion of which dissolves in the water, and is again precipitated in the form of a carbonate. If, however, the water contains a very slight amount of sulphuric acid, or a soluble sulphate, the corrosion is prevented.

ANTIMONY.

Antimony was discovered by Basil Valentine, a monk, in the fifteenth century. It is of a grayish white color, having a slight bluish shade, and very brilliant. Its texture is lamellated, and exhibits plates crossing each other in every direction. Its specific gravity is 6.702. It is sufficiently hard to scratch all the soft metals; it is very brittle, easily broken and pulverizable. It fuses at 810° Fahr.; it can be volatilized and burns in a strong heat. When perfectly fused and suffered to cool gradually, it crystallizes in octahedra. It unites with sulphur and phosphorus. It is soluble in alkaline sulphates. Nitric acid dissolves it cold; muriatic acid scarcely acts upon it. The oxygenated muriatic gas inflames it, and the liquid acid dissolves it with facility. Arsenic acid dissolves it by heat with difficulty. It unites by fusion with gold, and renders it pale and brittle. Platinum, silver, lead, bismuth, nickel, copper, arsenic, iron, cobalt, tin and zinc unite with antimony by fusion, and form with it compounds more or less brittle. Mercury does not alloy with it easily. We are little acquainted with the action of alkalies upon it. Nitrate of potash is decomposed by it. It fulminates by percussion with oxygenated muriate of potash.

BISMUTH.

This metal occurs in its native state, and also in combination with sulphur, oxygen, silica and tellurium. The bismuth of commerce is almost exclusively obtained from Schneeberg, Saxony. Commercial bismuth is never absolutely pure, but as the other metals with which it is associated are commonly more oxidizable than itself, it may, in a great degree, be separated from them by fusing the powdered alloy in an earthen crucible, with one-tenth part of its weight of nitrate of potash. When this mixture is heated until the nitrate is completely decomposed, a portion of the bismuth, together with the greater part of the impurities, will have been oxidized and remain in combination with the potash, while a button of purified bismuth remains in the bottom of the crucible.

Bismuth enters into the composition of the best type metal, and has the property of imparting to it a clean, sharp face. In the solder employed in the manufacture of pewter wares it also forms an ingredient. Bismuth forms one of the ingredients of a fusible metal, from which, as toys, spoons are made which melt on being put into a cup of hot tea or water. Another alloy has been used in making safety plugs for steam boilers, which, by melting at a certain temperature, are intended to permit the escape of steam and prevent explosion. A subnitrate of bismuth is used as a cosmetic. Bismuth is employed in the manufacture of porcelain, as an agent for fixing the gliding and for increasing the fusibility of fluxes, and neutralizing the colors which are often communicated by them. It is also used to some extent in medicine.

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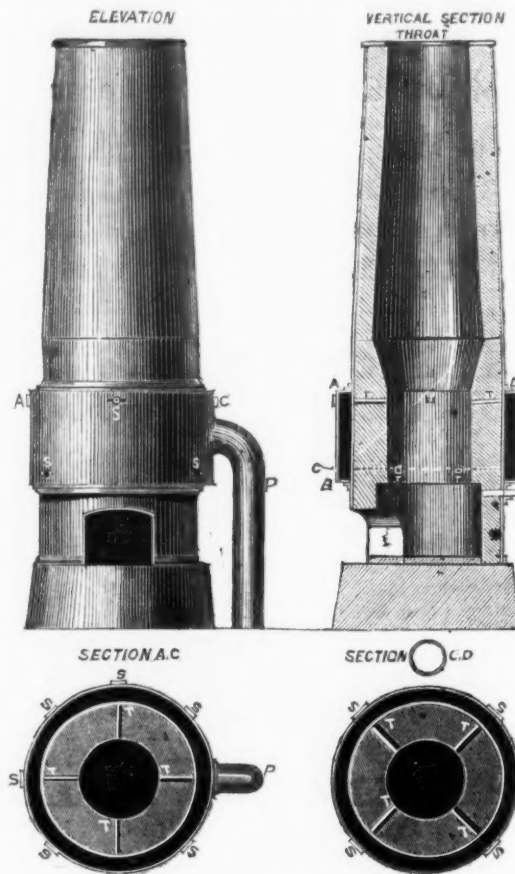
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A correspondent of the Pittsburgh Commercial says:

Allow me, as a manufacturer deeply interested in the growth and improvement of this Iron City, to give yourself and readers a slight sketch of one of the most interesting innovations in the mode of making iron ever introduced. Hearing that a well-known firm of iron manufacturers, whose works are situated at Leechburg, on the West Penn Railroad, some thirty or forty miles hence, had applied natural

gas as a substitute for coal as fuel, I took a run up to see the *modus operandi*. I found that the gas was procured from a well originally sunk for oil, but the parties who started it with that object had given it up with disgust, and it was simply a happy thought which suggested to the very practical Mr. Rogers the feasibility of utilizing the gas which was so wastefully roaring away, and by the aid of a few pipes he has had the gas conducted across a bridge into the rolling mill, and where it does duty from firing the boilers, puddling, heating, annealing, to lighting up the works, and with the happy result of a quicker and better yield and quality incomparably superior to iron worked with coal as fuel. I have no hesitation in saying this simple arrangement will completely revolutionize the manufacture of iron in future. The wonderful benefits to quality and yield, and the pecuniary advantages are so great and apparent that no one can compete, except at a loss, with "coal versus gas." A few years hence and all that district will be studded with mills, forges and furnaces. Already an arrangement has been made to sink other wells (one is being sunk now) and to locate works. The land owners, with creditable policy, have agreed to a certain royalty to the enterprising gentleman who has opened up this mine of wealth; and now it re-

mains to be seen whether Pennsylvania (with the extraordinary advantages nature has given Tennessee and other States) will lie quiescent and allow the scepter of King Iron to slip from her grasp. This opportune discovery, which yields 33 per cent. extra quantity with the same machinery, and \$10 to \$20 per ton better price, gives to us a decided victory if followed up. The situation, too, is all that could be desired. Communication East, West, North and South is secured by the Pennsylvania Railroad running through the district, timber and coal are abundant, and it seems a natural center for the manufacture of iron. The saving alone at this work at Leechburg is upward of \$700 per week; and it will be well for our manufacturers to look into this matter. Many have done so, and all, I believe, are impressed with the extraordinary advantages offered.

I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Rogers for his frank courtesy and information, which, I understand, he extends to all visitors.

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PHILADELPHIA, May 18, 1874.

Concentrated dullness and rapid stupidity would be a fairly condensed homily in the condition of affairs in this city at this writing, and if the contents of this letter should come under the same category, it would not be surprising. So far as the iron trade is concerned things would seem to be about as bad as bad can be, and yet the initiated claim to scent the odor of coming activity in the air, and there are certainly some things going on *sub-rosa* which indicate that they are, perhaps, not far wrong. While the number of furnaces out and going out of blast appears to be constantly increasing—the surest means by the way to bring about the desired revival—others are quietly preparing for resumption of work. If the price of pig metal has not touched bottom, the best informed in the trade seem to think it has very nearly done so, and it is at least a hopeful sign to see the speculators in iron—the old hands who rarely buy amiss, leaving the stock market, and at last investigating the iron market. It is fashionable now in iron circles to believe that the bottom has dropped out of the business, and as people in an epidemic add to the number of deaths by the story of each new victim—to spread the disaster by continued and reiterated expressions of depression. And yet all the works are not idle, while the number of those that are only serves to hasten the time when all will be running again. You had a case in point in this last week, where one rolling mill firm of this ilk informed you their mill had not been idle for twenty years. The real trouble is and has been, that our iron trade had run too much to railroad supplies. Rail mills and

ear irons, tank iron and locomotive material were the sole end and aim of half the works, and with the smash in railroad building came a quietus to them. The sheet mills, the mills, and those others whose specialties were not all in one basket, like the great rail mills, have been fairly busy all the time, and are now. But if the people here believe we are going to the dogs our British cousins have immense faith in our recuperative energy, and are evincing their faith by their works. While the money articles of the papers, both sides the Atlantic, are impressing on their readers the utter impossibility of negotiating an American railway bond, I am personally cognizant of two new American railroad enterprises just floated upon the London market, and the proceeds of which bonds will be expended in this country under the direction of the lenders in the gradation and construction of these roads. Iron, rolling stock and every thing will be purchased and paid for here by the parties taking the bonds. Several other similar enterprises now in hand abroad are in process of similar completion, and John Bull, while he will lend us money, still proposes to see that we spend it properly, and for the purpose for which it was lent.

Nor are the investments of foreign capital in ore and coal lands by any means stopped, as many think. As a case in point, and to encourage our weak kneed brethren, I may say, without violating confidence, that the agent of a British company, who have made purchase of large amounts of iron lands in the Southwest, left this city for the locality of his purchase within a few days, to make the final payment of \$350,000 on the property, and to receive title. This company proposes an expenditure of no less than £300,000 sterling in this property, the scheme including two blast furnaces, rolling mill, ear wheel foundry, and, ultimately, a Bessemer works. Still more: another agent of an English syndicate, with a subscribed capital of £2,000,000, made in your city within the week the first purchase for his company. The avowed object of this syndicate is to purchase iron and coal lands in four states of the Union, thoroughly open and develop them, place them on the London market and colonize them. Two large iron works in the United States, now idle, but both of large capacity, are before English capitalists for purchase, with a fair prospect of an early sale. These things are all going on quietly, but, nevertheless, they are undoubted facts, and I merely mention them in order to show the disheartened that confidence in American investments is not shaken abroad either by the panic, inflation or the Council of Foreign Bondholders.

We are having a revival of Centennial feeling, also, and from present appearances I really believe the defeat of the Congressional appropriation was the best thing that has yet happened the Centennial. There is a quiet determination now that, under existing circumstances, Pennsylvania will play a "lone hand" in the Centennial game, and in eucletic parlance—no irreverent pun intended—will make "four times." The sympathy abroad for our Centennial is very strong, and our iron men must put their best foot foremost, for, if report be true, the English iron works, as well as Krupp, of Essen, and La Creuzot, mean to be strongly represented in the Exhibition. Possibly we may not have so grand a series of buildings, but the Phenix people can get us up most anything to order out of iron and glass in a year, and if the rest of the Union don't wish to come to our show, the Pennsylvanians will at least maintain the honor of the country against foreign industry.

An important event in the much discussed subject of steam canal navigation transpired during the week at Reading. This, as announced by the Reading *Engle*, was the arrival of the steam canal barge Orus, Capt. West, at that port from Staten Island, carrying the first regular freight ever brought to that city by steam canal navigation. The success of the Orus argues well for the practicability of the propulsion of steam boats carrying heavy freights on the Schuylkill canal. The Orus has now completed her first round trip, which the Captain reports as an entire success, in having made better time at *less cost* than could have been done with horse-power. The subject of cost is, after all, the important point, and it is gratifying to hear of this success. The Reading Railroad Company, always wide awake in their own interests, are and have been seriously considering the subject of steam canal navigation, and the success of the Orus will probably determine their decision. With steam-power practically applied in canals we have an addition to our facilities of transportation of incalculable value—in fact almost enough to satisfy the Grangers. But, practically applied on the Schuylkill and Delaware and Barren Canals and to Lake Champlain via the Hudson, it means cheaper ores to our furnaces and cheaper coals to your manufacturers, or, in other words, an additional hold on the markets of the world.

This is the season of launches, and, not to be outdone by Chester, Wilmington followed last week by the launch of the Hudson from the yard of Pusey, Jones & Co. The Hudson is intended as a sister ship to the Knickerbocker, of the Cornwell line, the latter said to be the fastest steamer on the Atlantic Coast.

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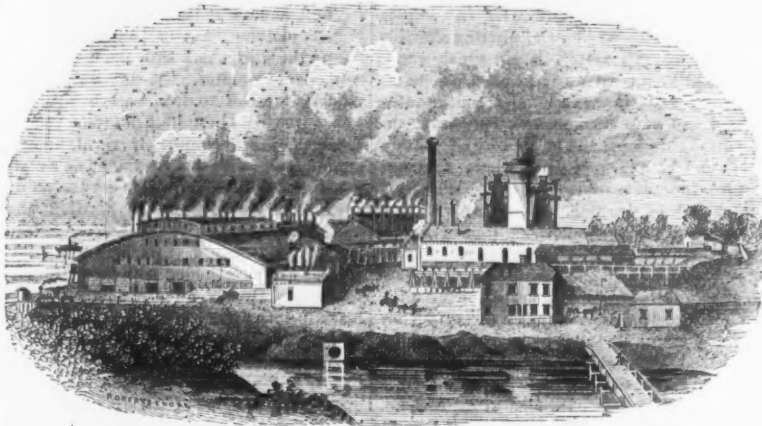
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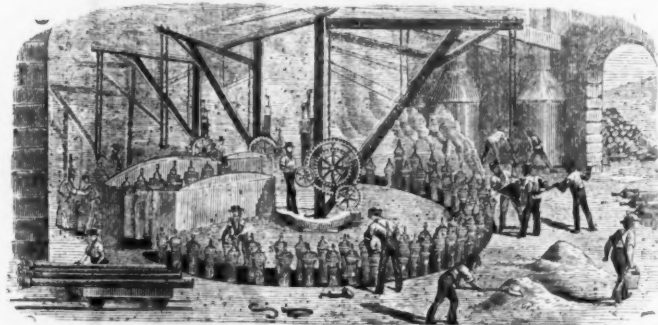
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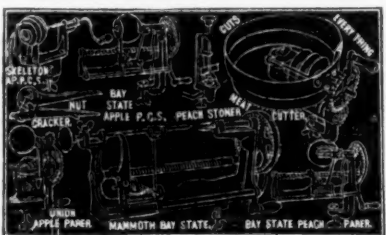
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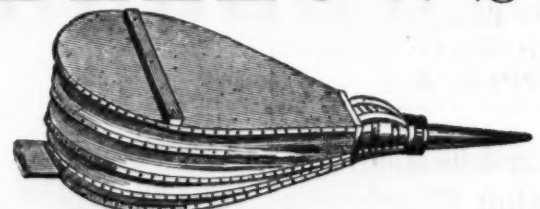
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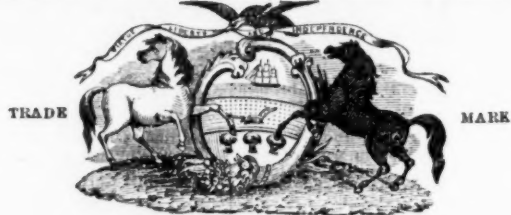
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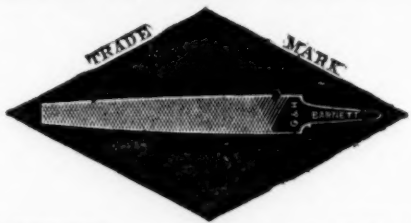
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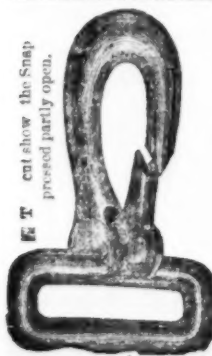
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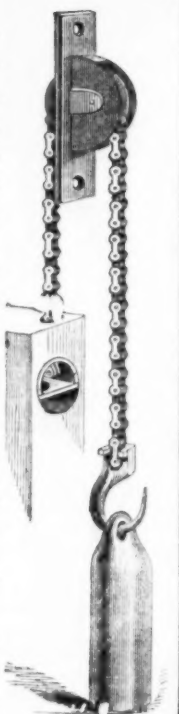
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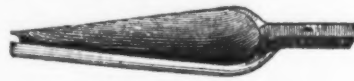
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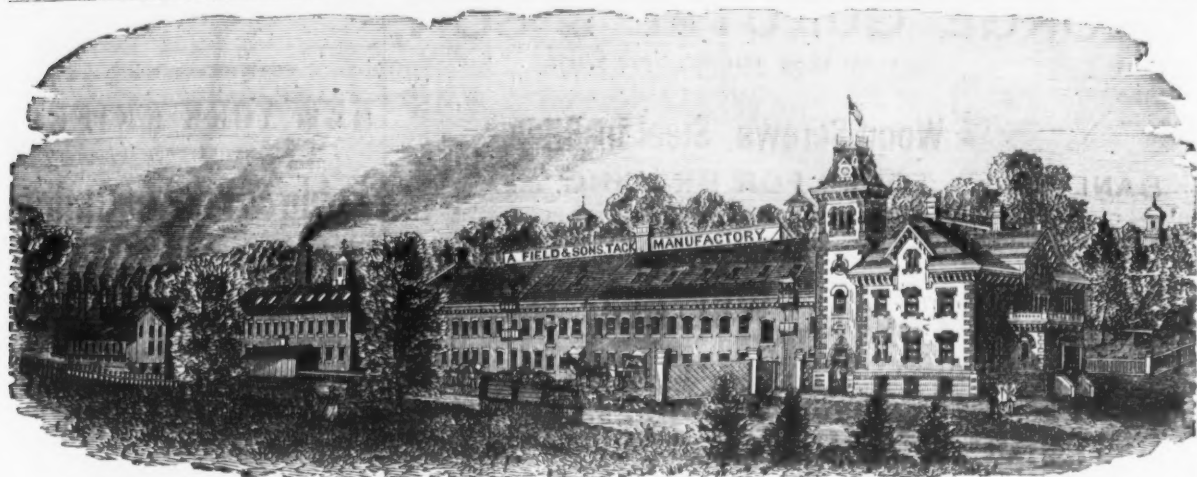
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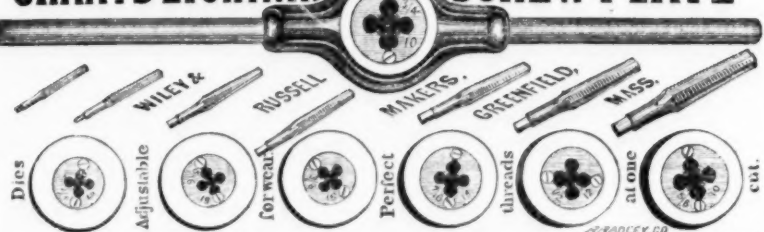
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PENNSYLVANIA.

The Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, of Scranton, suspended work on Saturday night at all their puddling furnaces, rolling mills and mines, throwing out about 1700 men. The cause is the continued depression in the iron market. The company's yards are crowded with thousands of tons of rails and other products of their works for which they cannot find sale.

Donaghmore Furnace, Lebanon, is to be blown out for repairs.

The machinery for a large paper mill on the Monongahela River, that of the Spring Mills Paper Company, located six miles from Monongahela City, is being built at Philadelphia by Nelson Gavitt. It consists of a Fourdrinier machine, rotary boilers, three rag engines, &c. The mill is a new establishment, designed to make four sack paper.

The Wistar Coal and Iron Company is developing extensive mines of coal and iron on the West Branch, Clinton county. A blast furnace, rolling mill, coke ovens, inclined plane, &c., are all in progress of construction.

The Harrisburg Car Manufacturing Company has resolved to suspend operations until there are substantial evidences of a revival of business.

The sheet mill of Seyfert, McManus & Co., in Reading, resumed operations on the 4th inst. The Shenango Nail Factory, New Castle, started again last week.

The Tamaqua Iron Works are 200 feet wide by 1100 feet in length, employ 104 hands, and have orders on hand to last for three months.

The rail mill of Harbaugh, Mathias & Owens, Pittsburgh, which has a capacity of 1000 tons per week, was "laid off" a few days ago from lack of orders, and it is uncertain when operations will be resumed.

The furnace at Etna is in blast, and the new furnace at Millertown will be ready for blowing in in about three weeks. The new furnace at Topton is not yet in blast, but can be got ready whenever desirable. At Lyons work has been commenced at a new furnace, but is not carried on with very great energy. The furnace at Kutztown is being completed as fast as the weather will allow.

The Pottstown Iron Company was organized in 1866. They own two furnaces, a nail and boiler plate mill. The annual production of nails is from 100,000 to 120,000 kegs (53 machines), and of boiler plate 6000. About 400 hands are employed. During the dullness of the past few months they have been running full time and force.

The Union Works, Danville, have one furnace only in blast, making 16 tons per day and employing 24 hands.

VERMONT.

The Fairbanks Scale Company, of St. Johnsbury, recently had an order from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. for 24 500-bushel hopper scales to be put into their immense elevator building at Locust Point. As these are 15-ton scales, and are all set in a row, some idea of the size of the elevator may be gained.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Globe Nail Company, of Boston Highlands, has been making improvements in the manufacture of its pointed, polished and finished horse shoe nails, and is now cutting up the best Swedish and Norway irons at the rate of 1000 tons a year.

The car and general repair shops of the New York and New England Railroad Company, at Readville, were burned May 14th. Loss, \$40,000.

CONNECTICUT.

The Billings & Spencer Manufacturing Co., of Hartford, are manufacturing large quantities of dies for the Prussian government, to be used in the manufacture of the celebrated needle gun in Prussia. About thirty tons of steel have been used by them in the manufacture of these dies.

The Birmingham Iron Works have just concluded a contract with the Union Pacific Railroad for the construction of rolling mills to be erected west of the Rocky Mountains, where the railroad company own the iron ore, coal and timber.

Tariffville is to have a very extensive screw factory, with a capital of \$500,000. The superintendent is to be M. B. Clark, of the Ames Works, at Chicopee, Mass.

Large invoices of machinery, consisting principally of machinery for the manufacture of the needle gun, are being constantly shipped by the Pratt & Whitney Company, of Hartford, to the Prussian government, under a contract made by that government with the above mentioned company.

The Southington Cutlery Company are building extensive additions to their works.

The Union Metallic Cartridge Company, at Bridgeport, have commenced the shipment of 300 tons of cartridges to St. Petersburg for the Russian government.

The Hartford Axle Works Company, of Norwalk, has more orders than it can fill, and is putting in a new hammer, and otherwise preparing to extend its business.

OHIO.

The new blast furnace of the Ironton Iron and Steel Company, nearly completed, will be appropriately named "Ironton."

Bowler, Maher & Brayton, Cleveland founders, are running a full force of men, but their establishment is not taxed to its full capacity. Business, however, is quite satisfactory, and as good for the season as at any corresponding period in the past three years, while the tendency is in the direction of improvement.

The Bourne & Knowles Nut and Washer Factory, Cleveland, has been running full time during the season, but not up to capacity, orders having been rather light. The condition is improving, though slowly.

MICHIGAN.

The Wyandotte Rolling Mills have closed a contract for 600 tons thirty-pound rails, with the Denver and Rio Grand Railroad Company. The terms are cash on delivery at Chicago. The rails give satisfaction, the order will be increased to 6000 tons.

The iron furnace at Leelanaw is running thirty tons pig iron a day.

The Champion Iron Company, Marquette, is working a force of about two hundred men at the present time, and mining operations are going on satisfactorily.

The Marquette Mining Journal says: It is not likely that the Morgan Iron Company will rebuild this season their furnace destroyed by fire at Champion lately. The condition of iron matters does not seem to call for any increase in the number of furnaces in the district for the present. We presume, however, as the stock and a portion of the machinery are still good, they will be utilized at a future period.

The Menominee Furnace started up last week, and made the first cast on Saturday. She is said to be in good trim for a long run, and her product for the season is sold ahead.

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The doubts of our ability to rebuild our maritime supremacy are fruit from European teaching. When the close of the rebellion called for more shipping, which, owing to maritime changes, must be of iron, we had neither the appliances nor the skill for satisfying it. But in so short a period much has been done to remedy the incapacity. In the last two years twenty-eight iron steamships, aggregating 63,500 tons, have been built on the Delaware; of which 38,000 tons are for the foreign trade. The Clyde-built Australian steamship cost \$530,800, currency; there; the Delaware Atlantic steamships, 250 tons larger, cost \$520,000 each, and the Pacific Mail steamships, of the same tonnage as the Australian, cost \$40,000 less than the latter. The Pacific steamships now being built, of 5250 tons, cost \$1,025,000, and of these and all it is remarked "that ocean-going iron steamers of any class, ton for ton, quality for quality, can be built at as low a cost this day on the Delaware as on the Clyde, and the advantage in all respects is likely to turn more and more in our favor as time goes by." This is a terrible fact. In the minds of our European friends, but beyond all doubt we are rapidly returning to our true position, and preparing to contest with them once more the kingdom of the seas. For England especially, the conditions under which she has hitherto been enabled to obtain so easy and complete a triumph are no longer the same, nor by many degrees so favorable at home or abroad. The very upward movement of the human race is against her, since a superiority which was based upon the helpless degradation of human labor, and the market cheapness of human life, is out of joint with the age. There are now fifteen foreign steamship lines running to New York, with 170 vessels of 55,000 tons. They are a unit against American efforts, and bolster the free ship law that would give our commerce permanently to them. But their and all opposition to the restoration of our maritime interests will fail unless there is some substantial deficiency on our part. This is not in localities suitable for such erection. There are one hundred miles of river front between Philadelphia and the Breakwater, where the average width of the stream is two miles and the depth twenty-five feet. A yard of twenty acres, with a splendid front, can be bought for \$8000. The Clyde is but 200 feet wide, dredged out at a cost of \$20,000,000, gold, some 70 feet wide for 18 miles; and an equal yard on its banks could not be bought for \$160,000. Vessels have to be launched sideways. The Delaware is well protected against storms and hostile attacks; and so far as food for workmen is concerned, that consumed in England is sent from here. Bar iron cost \$11.50 per ton less at Philadelphia than at London, March 11; ship plates \$5.97 less. No. 1 pig iron, at the furnace, the same—\$30; angle iron thirty-five cents less; sheet iron \$6.02 less, with variations that placed bar iron \$2.50 less here, and sheet iron 40 cents less; and that also made the London price of ship plates \$2.40 less there and of No. 1 pig \$1.45 less. Our supplies of coal and iron are illimitable, and the costs of both have been rising there through increased wages and difficulties. And our supplies of timber are inexhaustible. The question of scientific and mechanical skill is settled by the vessels we have afloat, and will be reaffirmed by others. The only labor trouble originates in the impossibility of employing all applicants here, and as the employment increases so will the labor. The English builders have had a monopoly of the best skilled labor at the lowest prices; and this, now wakened, will be wholly changed when employment is certain where food is cheapest. They have, too, been helped by special legislation, that furnished them at cost from bond, and owe much to this protection. The success won here has been in spite of extraordinary charges growing from war prices and fluctuations in values, opposed to very low wages there. It is also expected that Congress will assist the achieved gain by ordering more iron ships for the navy; and it is expected that competent managers of steamship lines will answer the call, because capacity has always replied to other demands. The free ship law is opposed, because any temporary profit it might give would create permanent injury, destroying the opening for industry and the chance to create a great shipbuilding industry of priceless direct, and incalculable indirect, and consequential uses. 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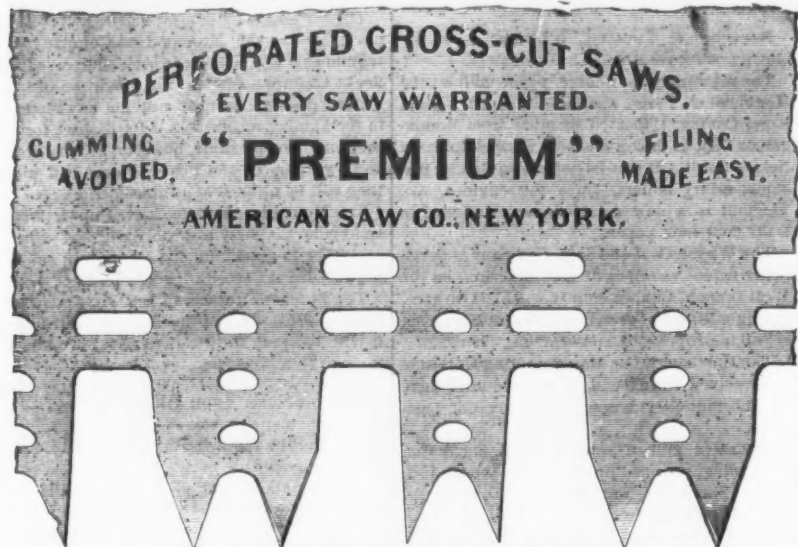
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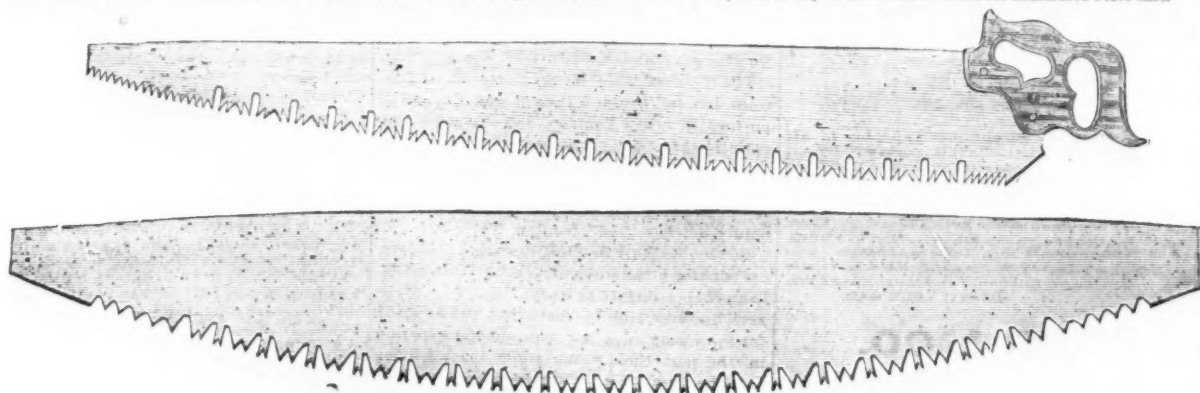
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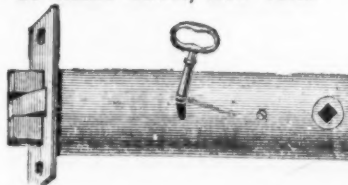
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Practical Observations on Puddling.

BY M. WOLTERS.*

1. OBJECT OF PUDDLING, ITS CHEMICAL THEORY, AND EXPOSITION OF SOME GENERAL FACTS.
The operation of puddling has for its object to remove the carbon from cast iron, so as to convert it into malleable iron, and to eliminate foreign matters which might injure the quality of the metal. We give a brief resume of the chemical facts ascertained in this process. The carbon is oxidized, partly by the action of the air, partly, as shown by the jets of carbonic oxide which burn at the surface of the fluid metal, by the oxidized compounds of iron introduced before the operation. The silicon passes readily to the state of silicon by action of the oxygen of the air on the metal, and may even be wholly eliminated without removing much carbon. M. Snelus, of Dowlais, has shown that solid silicon is capable of effecting the reduction of oxide of iron, and the same substance can undoubtedly do so when in the liquid state as in the case of cast iron.

The theory of elimination of phosphorus is still very obscure. Analysis shows that a notable proportion passes into the slag in the form of phosphate of protoxide of iron, and perhaps, too, in that of phosphate of iron. But this result obtained by the oxygen of the air, or by oxidized compounds of iron contained in the slag? We cannot answer this question: the researches needed to elucidate the point not having been undertaken, or not being known to us. All that we can affirm is, that in the Bessemer process the phosphorus is not eliminated, while in the operation of puddling it is. This might lead us to believe that in the latter mode of elaboration the elimination is due to the action of the liquid slag. The phosphurets of iron being fusible, it may also happen that a part of these compounds is removed by lixivation, when the grains of iron, united in bloom, reach a certain height above the fluid metal. The elimination of sulphur, very imperfect, probably takes place by lixivation; for the slags from puddling give off, under action of acids, the characteristic odor of sulphureted hydrogen. It may be that a part of this substance is oxidized by the air, or by the oxidized compounds of iron, though Dr. Percy's experiments show that, if we heat together oxide and sulphureted iron, there is produced, not metallic iron, but rather magnetic oxide of iron, with liberation of sulphurous acid.

From what has been said it readily appears how a metal rich in carbon, silicon and phosphorus may give a better return than one containing less of these, when the lining of the furnace, and the matters introduced with the charge, are rich in oxygen, which they yield readily. Silicon and carbon alter the tenacity of the metal at every temperature; we have then badly refined or rotten iron. Phosphorus is not injurious in the hot state, but is in the cold; diminishes the tenacity; we have then weak (tendre) iron. Sulphur diminishes the tenacity of iron to a much greater extent in the hot state than in the cold; we have then hot-short iron. All these impurities will disappear the more, the longer the metal is liquid, that is, the more carbon there is to be eliminated. A fine grain gives a very close texture, and presents much welding surface to the grains surrounding it. The iron obtained from it is then much harder than that from a coarse grain.

The most highly-carburized iron is that which has the finest grain. The greatest durability is in the most highly-carburized steel. Provided the quantity of carbon is not such as to prevent it becoming malleable, the most highly-carburized iron is also the most tenacious, for, in the same drawing, the fibre obtained is finer, the finer the grain whence it comes; hence, the welding surfaces of the fibre (which determines the tenacity of iron) increase with the fineness of the grain, that is to say, with its carbon contents. En resume, the best iron which the fluid metal can give is the purest and the most highly carburized.

Theoretically, puddling includes the following operations: 1. Fusion of the cast metal; 2. Refining of the metal; 3. Refining of the grain; 4. Carburization of the grain; 5. Refining by flame. Practically we have: 1. Fusion of the cast metal; 2. Mixing; 3. Boiling; 4. Raising of the metal and turning operation; 5. Formation of bloom.

A highly carburized metal, which strongly retains its carbon, will evidently give a more highly carburized iron than another which contains less, and yields it more easily when submitted to the same oxidizing influences. The former is, therefore preferable, when a highly carburized product is sought, because it facilitates the work in the fourth period (carburization of the grain). In the same way, a metal which gives in refining of the grain an iron carburized to the extent suitable for making fibrous iron, will render the last two operations (carburization of the grain, and refining by flame) almost useless; they improve, however, the quality of the metal, the fibre becoming finer. Even in working metals of inferior quality, there is considerable gain, in quality of product, from bringing the metal to nature once more. The iron is better carburized and becomes stronger, if care is taken to perform this operation while feeding the mass with a carburizing flame.

2. ACTION OF SLAG DURING PUDDLING.
For a given metal, the work being the same, the quality of the iron obtained depends only on the slag. This has a physical action and a chemical action. The more fluid the slag, the finer are the grains of the iron which the metal gives. The fluidity varies with the temperature of the furnace, and especially with the composition of the slag. The latter may belong to three different types. It may consist, in great part, of ferrous silicates, basic or acid, or of ferric silicates. The ferrous and basic silicates are very fusible, run with difficulty, are oxidized

in air, are quickly fixed, and attached strongly to the rabble. In the furnace they appear of a bright white. They are the thick or strong slags. The ferrous and acid silicates are likewise very fusible, run easily, are slowly fixed, and hardly attach at all to the bar; in the furnace they appear of reddish color. They are the thin or soft slags. The ferric silicates are infusible, or, at least, nearly infusible at the temperature of the furnace. They are named iron slags.

What is the physical influence of these slags in the conversion of cast metal into malleable iron? The thick slag does not greatly run from the blooms when these are brought out of the furnace; but it retains sufficient fluidity to come out easily from the mass of iron when shingled. The clean, bright surfaces of the metal come in contact, and are perfectly welded. The first rolling gives bars of a single piece.

Owing to its great liquidity, the thin slag runs off in great part from the iron mass before this has reached the shingling apparatus; the blooms have not sufficient toughness, and break in several fragments under compression. In this case the workmen often throw water on the bloom; coming into contact with the red hot iron, it is decomposed, oxidizes the slag, and makes it thicken; but, on the other hand, it burns the iron, thus increasing the waste and giving a bad quality to the product.

The slags, composed in great part of ferric silicates, owing to their small fusibility, and their tendency to solidify in very little time, do not permit of beating the blooms with ease; the slag does not come out of the mass, the grains of metal remain enveloped by a solidified layer, and do not weld. Drawing gives only pieces of bars, and causes great waste. The proper character of these slags is to make the hearth of the furnace rise, and this may even become so thick that the workmen can no longer keep enough slag to work the iron.

Physically, then, the best slag is a ferrous and basic silicate. Chemically, also, this gives the best product. The ferrous and sufficiently basic slags yield their oxygen slowly enough for the product to be well refined, and the refining to take place not too rapidly.

If the slags are ferrous, but too acid, the refining goes on too slowly; for the bath of slags (very liquid), and the molten metal are distinctly separated. There is, beside, an insufficient quantity of oxidized compounds in the furnace, so that the decarburization has to be done in great part by the oxygen which passes through the grate. In this way the iron is burnt in the refining, as well as the impurities of the fluid metal, and after bailing, the very fluid slag runs easily through the metallic masses, leaving the iron bare, and exposed to the oxidizing action of the air. It is sometimes seen melting like snow. It is readily understood, then, how it is the thin slags that occasion the greatest waste. They also greatly deteriorate the hearth, dissolving the oxides of it, a deterioration extending even to the plates. The puddler is then obliged to glaze his furnace—that is, to solidify the layer which has been liquified, throwing on the hearth a considerable quantity of water. The result is a notable loss of heat, which can only be compensated by a much greater consumption of fuel. If the slag is or becomes ferric, lumps of iron are quickly formed, which become welded, and neither refining nor carburization are any further possible. Ferric oxide, by reason of the large amount of oxygen it contains, renders decarburization too rapid, and the metallic bath is not sufficiently refined. The first rolling will present a fracture with large grains, and its stripe will be black; it will be dry, impure and hot-short, as well as cold-short.

The thick slags, often designated welding slags, are always the result of a good and sufficiently hot process in the blast furnace. That of the puddling furnace is itself called the hot process. These slags deteriorate the hearth a little, the silicon being found in the metal in the proportion desired, in order that, after its oxidation, it may form with the oxide of iron a silicate, in which the protoxide predominates. Its composition corresponds nearly to the formula 3 FeO. SiO₂.

The thin slags arise, when metals are heated which are too much silicified and little carburized. The latter comes most often from a pretty cold process of the high furnace, resulting from a strong charge with dross from the rolling machine. The treatment of silicious minerals with an insufficient addition of flux, often occasions these products. Lastly, our personal observation enables us to affirm, that the sulphurous minerals, melted with a large consumption of coke, invariably give cast metal containing a large proportion of silicon and little carbon. The process of the puddling furnace characterized by the working of these products is called the cold process. It is often presented the Monday after rekindling, and whenever, after any repairs, a considerable quantity of sand has fallen on the hearth.

The ferric slags are the result of the working of metals containing an insufficient proportion of silicon. It is easy to conceive that, in this case, the mass of iron not being sufficiently impregnated with slag, the protoxide of iron does not find the required quantity of silicon with which it may combine and be transformed easily into peroxide under the action of a continuous oxidizing current. The refined metal of the English being almost free from silicon, is in the same condition as the metals which contain a too small quantity of this substance.

Even when the metal is suitably silicified, iron slags are sometimes formed by introduction into the furnace of a bad selection of matters capable of yielding oxygen. The dross of cylinders, the scrapings of flutishers, should be carefully avoided; they are oxides, in which the iron is, in great part, at the maximum degree of oxidation, and which always cause the process called dry. The dross of shingling ap-

paratus, in general, is more suitable; it contains ferrous silicates that are very fusible, and properly basic. The ferric or dry slags are often enough obtained by careless workmen, when they tend the grate badly. Too much air may be allowed to pass, and the iron be thus burnt.

They may, further, be formed in consequence of a vicious construction of furnace. A too high vault causes the gaseous current to strike on the upper parts of the iron mass; which, not being sufficiently protected by the slag, are apt to be strongly oxidized.

We have already said that the ferric slags readily become incorporated with the hearth, and render it too thick. The chamber thenceforth, not having volume enough to contain the slag which is formed, this runs out, in great part, by the door, and above, by the small fire bridge. The operation then approaches dry puddling without slag; the oxidation of the iron becomes more energetic, and the hearth continues to rise. If the evil has taken large proportions, the puddler is obliged to let run the slag which remains after removal of the blooms, and to throw on the hearth, before introduction of a new charge, with the dross necessary for obtaining a new slag, fifteen to twenty kilogrammes of filings of metal from the furnace. This, containing a greater or less proportion of carbon, acts as a reducer on the ferric silicates of the hearth, and partly liquefies them. Ordinarily the furnace is restored to a state suitable for working, at the end of two charges.

The refined metal containing almost no silicon, the slag in it is less fusible than that which is produced by the gray or white metal. When this metal is puddled in the same furnace during a whole week, the layer of slags become sometimes so thick, that after cooling off the furnace it is necessary to remove it with a chisel and make a new bottom. With the gray metal, which produces a contrary effect, it is difficult to maintain on the hearth a layer of slags of sufficient thickness.

When, from bad construction of the furnace, the nature of the metal wrought, or any other reason, there is predisposition to the formation of the dry slags, the puddler may still use another means for avoiding a too high hearth. With this view he will not make the charge melt entirely, but, when the metal has been sufficiently softened, he will break it as well as he can with a leveling tool, and will immediately commence mixing. There will thus be less heat in the furnace, since the fusion will not be pushed far enough, the entire mass will remain more or less pasty during the whole duration of the work; and the slag will be in great part removed with the blooms, and will not rest on the hearth. This method will evidently not be suitable where it is wished to obtain irons of quality. The strong and fibrous irons require that the charge be completely melted, that there should be in the furnaces the maximum of heat that can be obtained at the time that mixing commences, and that this temperature should continue so long that the oxides may yield enough oxygen to refine and decarburize the metal completely.

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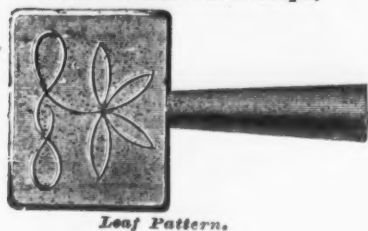
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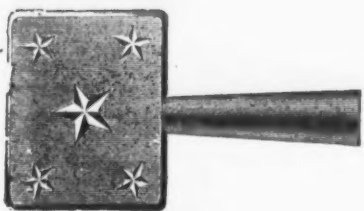
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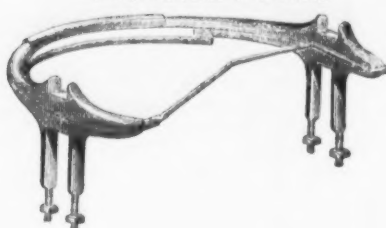
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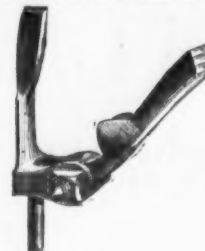


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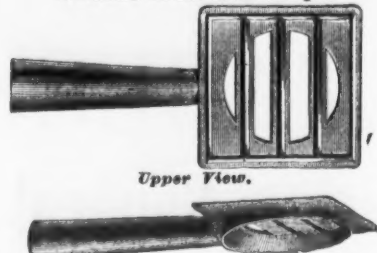
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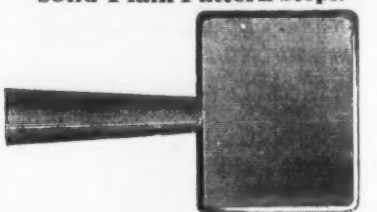
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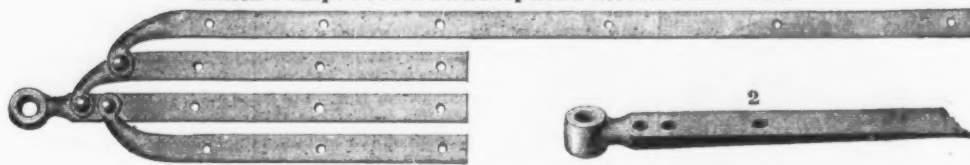
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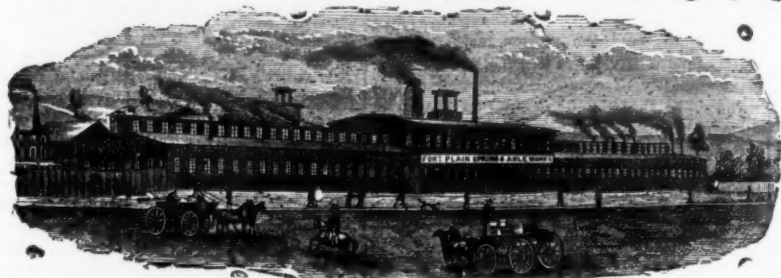
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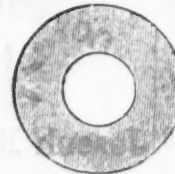
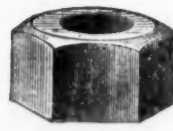
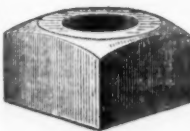
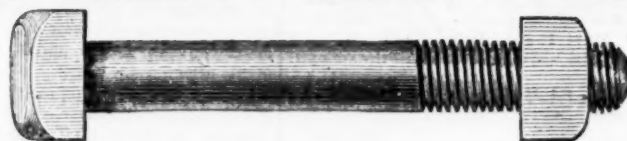
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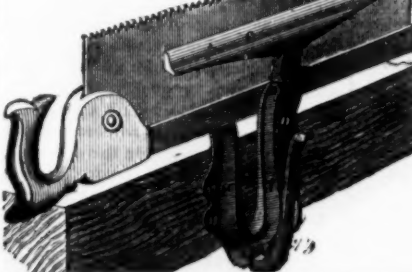


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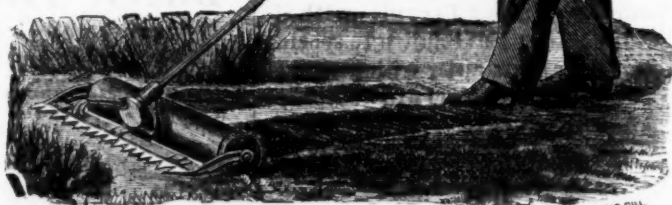
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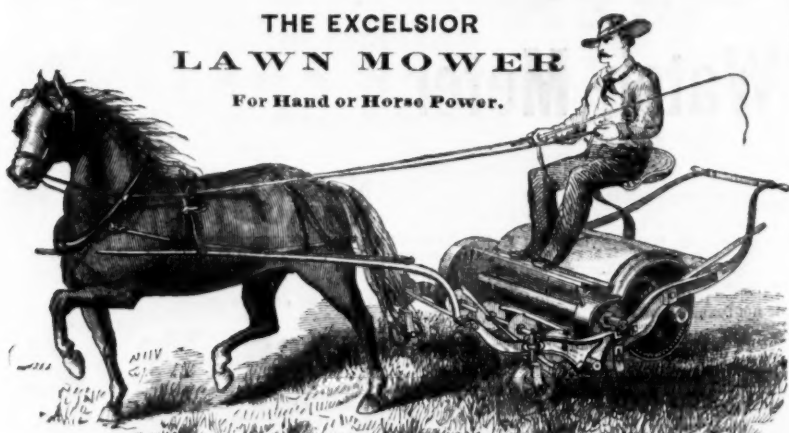


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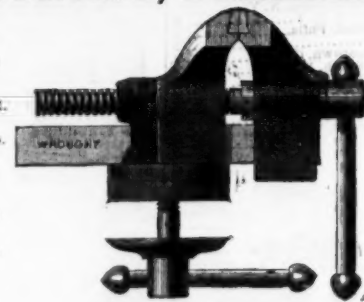
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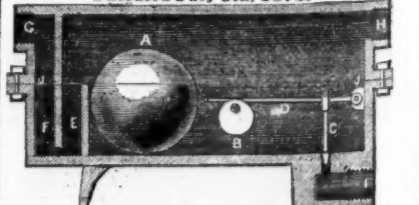
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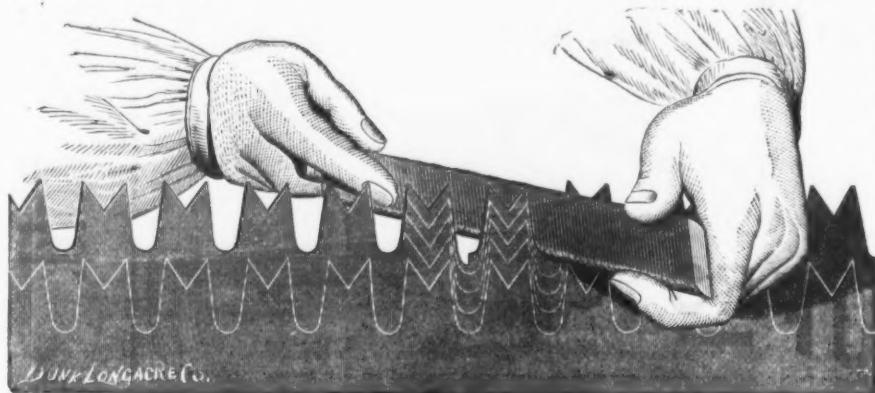
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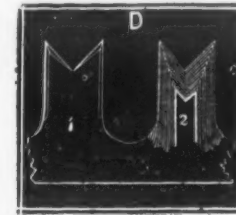
We desire to call special attention to our various styles of Cross-Cut Saws represented in this week's issue. In the manufacture of all our Fast Cutting Saws, we have carefully avoided the pernicious and destructive practice of making **UNDER-CUT TEETH**.

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No. 1, Fig. C, represents the undercut tooth as it leaves the factory; Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Fig. C, shows how No. 1 must ultimately become under any style of filing that may be adopted. No. 1, Fig. D, shows a tooth with parallel edges, and No. 2, Fig. D, shows the shape of said tooth after several filings. The white line on the diagrams represent the successive cuts of the file.



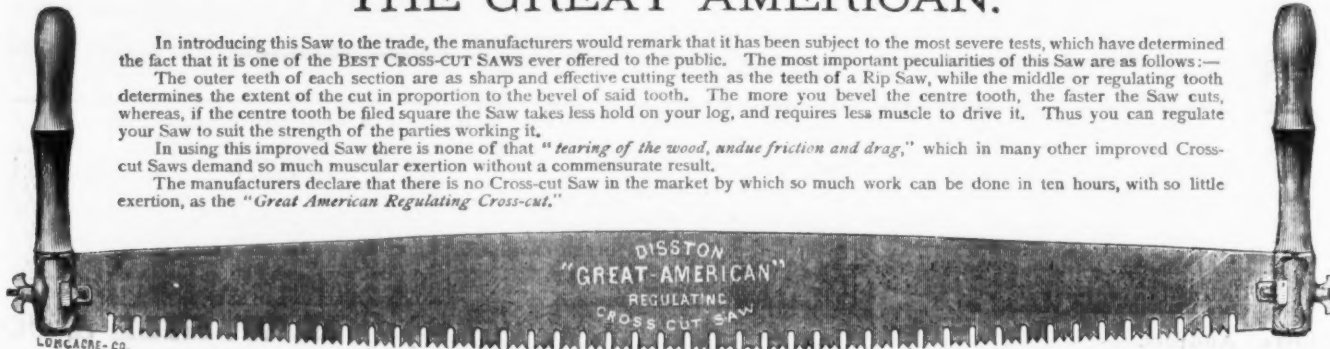
On the other hand, the annexed engraving represents a section of Lumberman Cross-Cut Saw, with File specially adapted for keeping said Saw in order. By using the File here illustrated, with the edge made to fit the gullet or space between the teeth, and pressing downward while filing, you will preserve the original shape of the teeth as described by dotted lines and notch in engraving. You pay for the edge of the file as well as the flat—then why not use it? and thus keep your Saw always gummed and in order, and avoid the risk of breaking or buckling the Saw by the old method of gumming.



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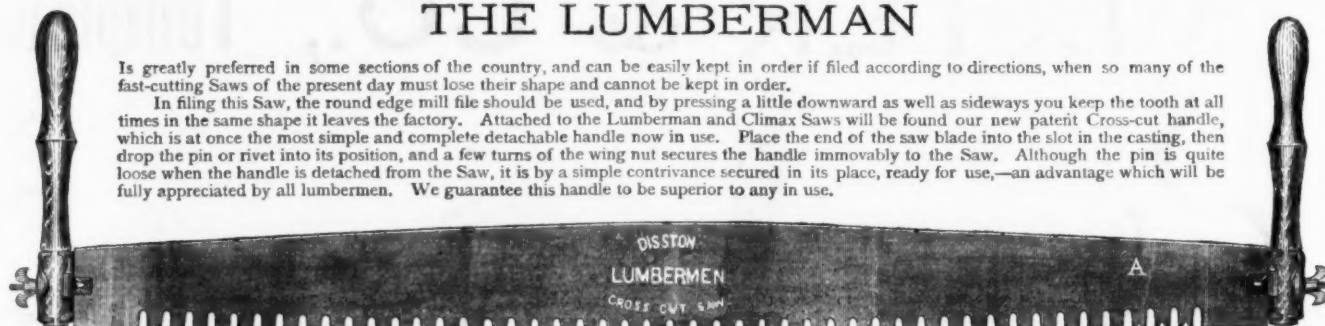
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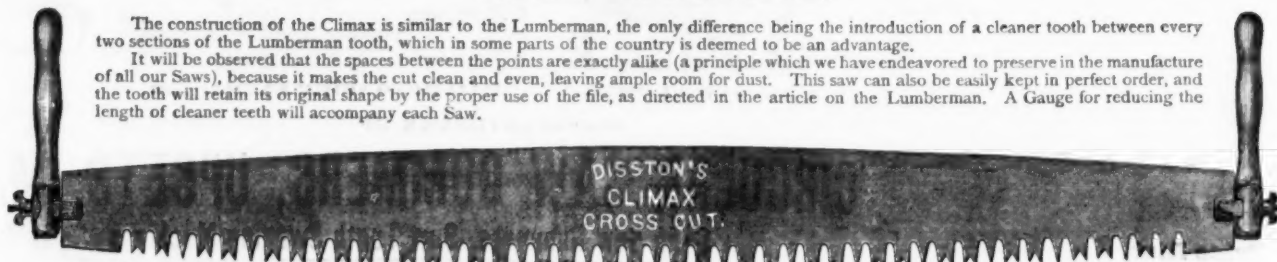
THE LUMBERMAN

Is greatly preferred in some sections of the country, and can be easily kept in order if filed according to directions, when so many of the fast-cutting Saws of the present day must lose their shape and cannot be kept in order.
In filing this Saw, the round edge mill file should be used, and by pressing a little downward as well as sideways you keep the tooth at all times in the same shape it leaves the factory. Attached to the Lumberman and Climax Saws will be found our new patent Cross-cut handle, which is at once the most simple and complete detachable handle now in use. Place the end of the saw blade into the slot in the casting, then drop the pin or rivet into its position, and a few turns of the wing nut secures the handle immovably to the Saw. Although the pin is quite loose when the handle is detached from the Saw, it is by a simple contrivance secured in its place, ready for use,—an advantage which will be fully appreciated by all lumbermen. We guarantee this handle to be superior to any in use.



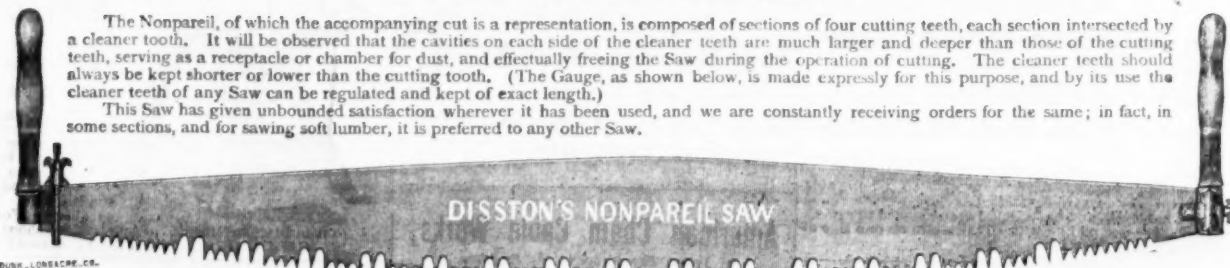
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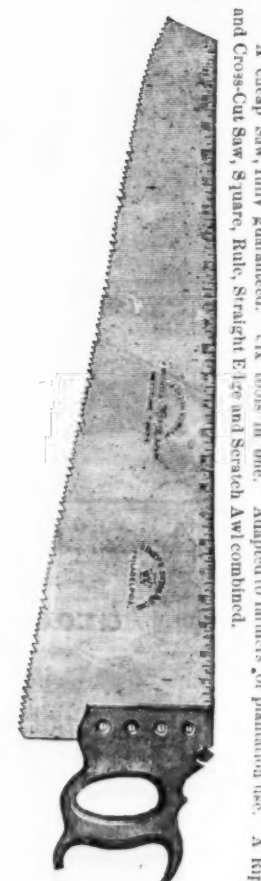
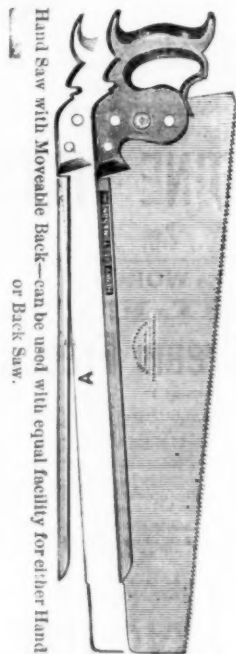
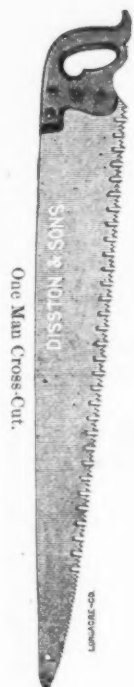
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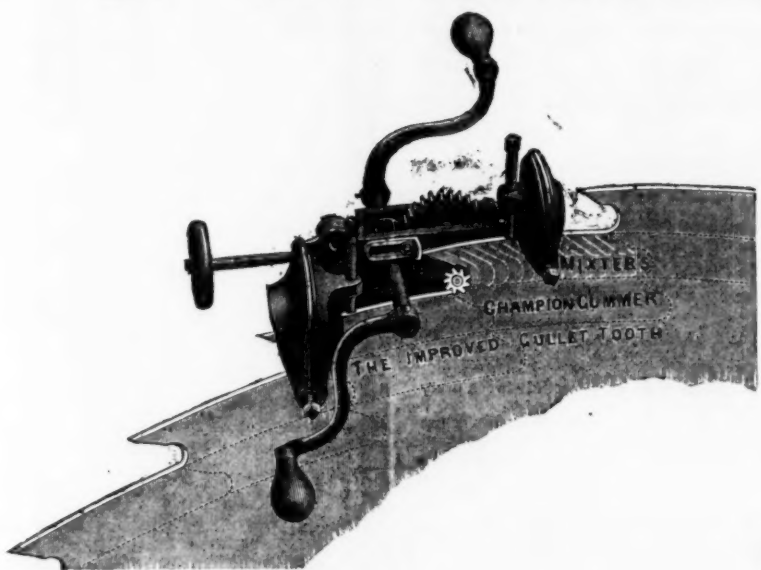
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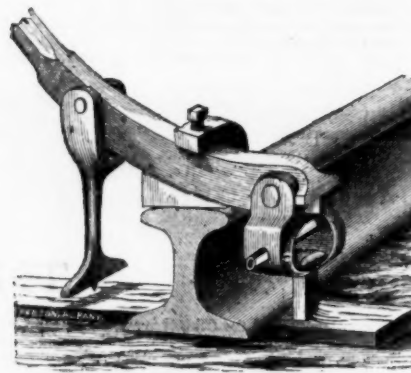
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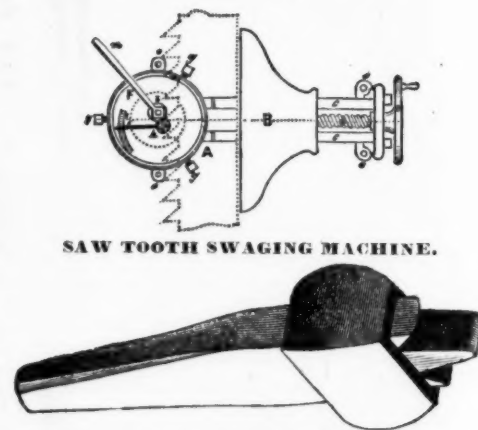
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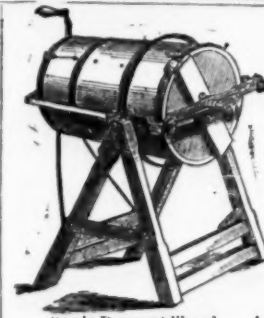
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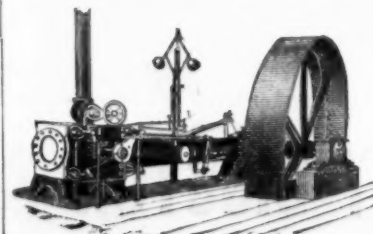
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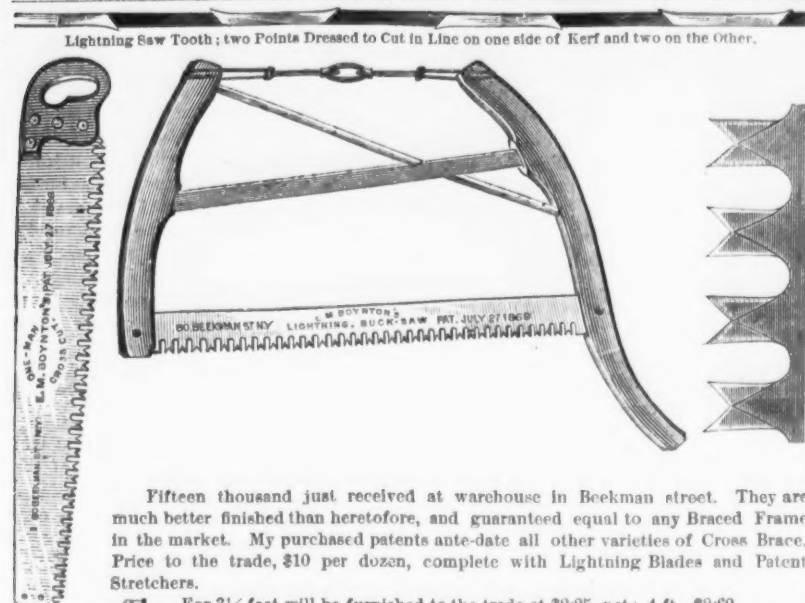


Figure 1.—Lightning Saw Tooth. Two Points Dressed to Cut in Line on one side of Kerf and two on the other.

Fifteen thousand just received at warehouse in Beekman street. They are much better finished than heretofore, and guaranteed equal to any Braced Frame in the market. My purchased patents ante-date all other varieties of Cross Brace. Price to the trade, \$10 per dozen, complete with Lightning Blades and Patent Stretchers.

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NEXT! A sly old fox again last week insisted that my "GRAPES WERE SOUR." On account of the overhang he could not get at them! He did not tell how highly he had recommended my Patent Lightning Saws in years 1868 and 1869, or (although a record is kept) the \$25,000 jump he made at them for a taste, and that after eighteen months of investigation! He did not tell WHY he so desperately imitates my goods now.

He did not tell why he did not accept my offer to have the matter settled by a public test. Is this the reason why?

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He insists that ginning saw teeth with files is a modern method. He proves that as my saw tooth contains all others, it is easily filed any desired way. If a few dressings makes the angle of my saw like Lumberman or any other V tooth, why they can keep it so if they like. I think a little more steel (not steel), useful, although he insists the wider the M the sooner it is filed to a V. He may have made and sent out such wretched samples of hook teeth as he now publishes to my injury, but hundreds of thousands who have bought my goods can certify that the dressed edge is straight always, although wide at point for durability.

Fig. 1.—E. M. Boynton's Patented Lightning Saw as Made in 1868 and 1869.

Figure 1 and 2 are exact copies of my manufactured goods and tools in 1868 and 1869 (except the file), and the public will judge of the originality of his imitations or the justice of his caricatures of my Saws, which may be filed in any way desired. The special file, made for filing the center of my M teeth, I am manufacturing in quantity, and can furnish at \$6 per dozen—10 inch. I can furnish round edged files to any who want to gum Saws expensively, but a 75 cent emery wheel will save you \$25 per saw. A slight reflection will show that in many instances men spend more than the original cost of a Saw in filing away saw plate, when only one hundredth of an inch of point is dulled in use, and a slight dressing of points in the center shortens thus up to the undulled edge, which will require but slight edging, thus saving the shape perfectly and economizing a square inch of steel instead of the point of steel of other saws, or three the durability without gumming, saving files, time and money greater than the cost of the Saw on each set of teeth. But if you cannot afford to buy all these four other varieties of imitation Saws, recollect that a genuine Lightning Saw contains them all, and see that by this Distortion misrepresentation of my goods a Champion and Lumberman is the worn out result. Truly the greater includes the less. (See Fig. C, 2, 3 and 4.) They cannot furnish Lightning Saws.

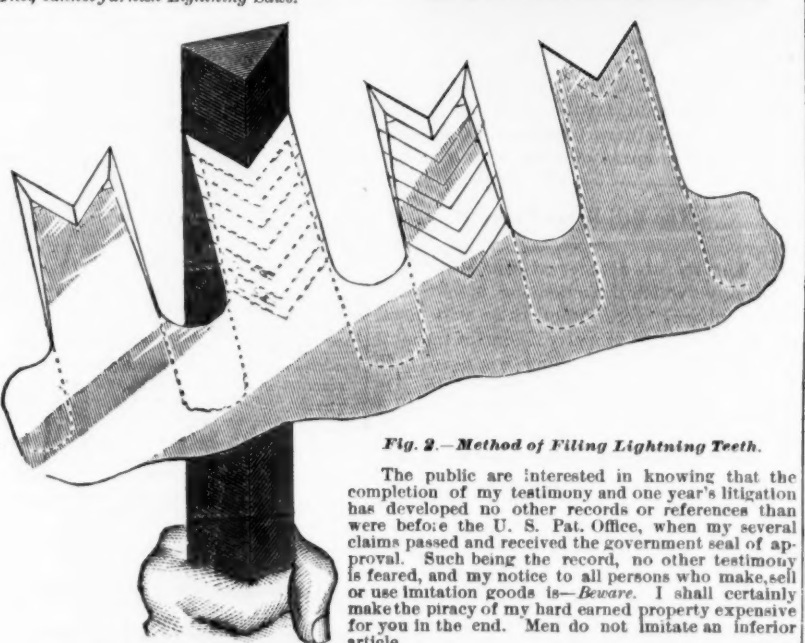


Fig. 2.—Method of Filing Lightning Teeth.

The public are interested in knowing that the completion of my testimony and one year's litigation has developed no other records or references than were before the U. S. Pat. Office, when my several claims passed and received the government seal of approval. Such being the record, no other testimony is feared, and my notice to all persons who make, sell or use imitation goods is—Beware. I shall certainly make the piracy of my hard earned property expensive for you in the end. Men do not imitate an inferior article.

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The Danks Puddler in England.

During the past two years, varying accounts have reached us of the results of the trials of Danks' rotary puddler in the different British ironworks which had adopted it on the recommendation of the committee of the Iron and Steel Institute sent to this country to examine its workings. At first everything promised well for the invention, and the reports were all favorable. After a time we heard of their being thrown out of one mill and then another, although in some mills they were said to be working continuously to the entire satisfaction of the proprietors. The newspapers have had more or less to say upon the subject, though without publishing anything very definite concerning it, but as the rule their recent comments have been generally unfavorable. The first clear and explicit statement concerning the workings of the Danks machines in England comes from Mr. I. Lowthian Bell. In the address delivered by that gentleman at the assembling of the Iron and Steel Institute on the 8th inst., the subject of mechanical puddling is very fully discussed, and from this we learn that the Danks machine, if not a failure, is very far from being a demonstrated success. After noticing in a general way the manner in which the subject had originally come before the Institute, and its action concerning it, he says:

"In all respects, the accounts received from our commissioners were so satisfactory that certain firms made arrangements for giving the system a proper trial in this country. These were: Messrs. Boicow, Vaughan, & Company, Limited, Middlesbrough, who speedily had two experimental furnaces in operation; Messrs. Hopkins, Gilkes, & Company, Limited, by whom has been erected a complete forge, comprising two melting cupolas, twelve revolving furnaces with powerful shingling machine, and a set of three high rolls

for reducing the blooms into bars; the Erimus Iron Company, also at Middlesbrough, who have built a complete forge, consisting of twelve furnaces, to which is now being added a finishing mill for working up the product into merchantable iron; the North of England Industrial Iron Company, at their works, near Stockton, erected a forge consisting of eight furnaces with the requisite machinery for obtaining puddled bars; and in addition to these establishments on the Tees, or its neighborhood, Mr. Robert Heath has constructed six furnaces in North Staffordshire. As the preliminary investigation into the merits of the Danks furnace was undertaken at the instance of the Institute itself, I deemed it my duty, in the absence of other communication on the subject, to make some inquiry into what had up to this time been done. I did this in the hope that, when I brought it before you, some gentlemen would avail themselves of the opportunity by stating their opinion of what we might expect from the proposed supercession of the more laborious part of the puddling process by mechanical agency. Speaking generally, then, I may be allowed to observe that at no previous period in the history of the iron trade would this change have been more welcome than during that which intervened between the meeting in 1871, when Mr. Danks read his paper, and the present time. For a considerable portion of it not only have we had the price of labor rising to a point hitherto unknown in the industrial annals of this country, but there was an actual want of the necessary human aid to effect the extraordinary demand made on our malleable iron works for their produce. Within the last few months, however, a great change has taken the place of previous prosperity; but, in a commercial sense, we require, perhaps more urgently than ever, any relief which mechanical puddling can afford in a manufacture which all but, and in some cases, perhaps, has ceased to be profitable, and in which serious difficulties are more than apprehended. I fear, notwithstanding, it must be admitted that the success which has attended the substitution in this country of the new for the old plan of hand puddling has not invariably corresponded with the accounts given us by those gentlemen who reported upon its introduction in the United States. Nevertheless, I would not have it supposed that I am impugning in any degree the soundness of their observations while engaged in their mission. It is quite possible that American iron may offer less difficulties while under treatment in a Danks furnace than that of this country. It is also equally possible that the difficulties which have been encountered in a continuous application of iron, such as that produced in Cleveland, may not have been so apparent when treated in more limited quantities during the comparatively short trials made under the personal superintendence of our Commissioners. Referring, now, more particularly, to the North of England, I have to observe that some alterations have even been found necessary in the moving, as well as in other portions of the machinery. These minor defects, so far as I can learn, have been overcome, and there remains the one great impediment to success, upon which, at Dudley, so much stress was laid, viz., the durability of the lining of the furnace. Upon this branch of the question, the testimony obtained in the North of England is somewhat conflicting. At one establishment the entire plant, after some months of work, has been laid idle, and preparations are there in progress to alter the furnace to the plan recommended and already described by Mr. Craunton, in a paper read before the Institute. On the other hand, while admitting the existence of difficulties not yet entirely vanquished, the practical men who are directing the trials, express themselves confident of ultimate success. Considerable importance is attached, and fairly so, to the superior yield afforded by mechanical puddling as compared with that performed by manual labor. I would point out, however, that this is secured at a certain sacrifice, for in no case do I find that the large quantity of ore, containing 50 or 60 per cent. of iron, affords above 20; while, on the other hand, a large quantity of additional material has to be maintained for a considerable time at a very high temperature."

This is probably a very correct statement of the results attained up to this time. Mr. Bell certainly manifests no disposition to place any obstacles in the way of the success of efforts now making to overcome the practical difficulties to which he calls attention; but while our knowledge of the results of experiments with the Danks system in American mills is such as to assure us that he has not exaggerated the difficulties experienced in England, we are by no means sure that those efforts will not lead to complete success. Two companies mentioned by Mr. Bell, the Carlton Iron Works, Stockton-on-Tees, and the Erimus Iron Works, near Middlesbrough, have undertaken experiments with the Danks system on a very extensive and complete scale, and under the conditions most favorable to success. The managers of these works have faith in the principle of rotary puddling, and are determined to test its possibilities. They have already found it more economical than hand puddling; it has placed them in a position of independence as regards skilled labor in this department of iron manufacture, and the quality of the iron is such as to command £1 per ton over that puddled by hand from the same pig. These are important results, and go far toward showing that, when applied on a large scale, puddling can be done cheaper by machinery than by hand. It cannot be denied, however, that there are offsetting disadvantages which will retard the adoption of the system in small establishments. The cost of the plant is very much greater than that of reverberatory furnaces of the common pattern, and this fact will discourage experiments with the Danks system until its advantages over the old method are established beyond a doubt. Another disadvantage is found in the fact that with a Danks furnace a break-down is a very serious matter. An accident to the squeezers might necessitate the stoppage of an entire establishment for weeks. This happened not long ago at the Carlton Iron Works, and involved very considerable losses to the owners. Again, rolls of exceptional size and power are needed to manipulate such large masses of iron as are produced in the Danks furnace, and the

Carlton Works have probably the heaviest and most powerful roll train in the world, which has a sufficient capacity for rolling all the iron produced in the eight furnaces now at work. But should their rolls be disabled from any cause, the mill must stop until they could be put in working order again. The most serious objection to the Danks system, however, is the danger that the large masses of metal thrown into the furnace will destroy the lining, and when this is gone the furnace will soon go with it. Granulation of the iron has been suggested as a means of obviating this danger, and it is probable that some remedy for the evil will be found that will make the complete success of the system possible.

Whether mechanical puddling is likely at any time to supersede the old method of puddling by hand is a question which, even in the light of experience, it would be difficult to answer with confidence. For many years practical men have labored to demonstrate the practicability of rotary puddling, though with but few substantial results. Mr. Danks has come nearer complete success than any of his predecessors—so near, indeed, as to inspire confidence in the belief that all defects in his system will ultimately be remedied. Those who have intelligently studied the theory of rotary puddling admit that it is correct, and when a theory is right its application to practice is, at most, only a question of time. The prejudice in favor of the old reverberatory furnace rests upon nothing except the fact that no better furnace has been found which admits of general application. It is a very crude affair, at best, involving a loss of heat which ought to be utilized in some manner, and exacting from puddlers what is probably the hardest labor voluntarily undertaken by men in any department of manufacturing industry. Its only claim to continued favor is that it involves no great outlay in construction, that it is compact, can be easily repaired and quickly prepared for work. These are advantages certainly, but were rotary or any other form of mechanical puddling brought to a state of even approximate perfection, hand puddling would give way before it. Others are working at the problem with confidence in the possibility of solving it practically, and, should the Danks system fail, our knowledge of the causes of its failure, after such trials as it is now undergoing in England, will, doubtless, point the way to success in the same direction.

The British Navy.

During the past few years the British government have spent a great deal of money in an experiment which, though interesting, has never given much promise of profit. They have tried to maintain an invincible navy of impervious iron clad ships, which should be a credit in time of peace, and a defense against all comers in time of war. For years it has been a race between the artilleryists and the naval architects, with varying success. As soon as a ship was built which was believed to be impervious to any projectiles which might be hurled at her, a new gun would be brought out which would riddle her armor, and, under favorable conditions, disable her. It was then necessary to build another ship with heavier armor, and so it has gone until at last a point has been reached in which the gunners have fairly distanced the naval architects, by showing conclusively that impervious armor plating for ships is an impossibility. To continue this contest, and maintain in sea going condition the increasing fleet of old and new ships, has cost an average of \$50,000,000 per year, of which about \$5,000,000 per year have been spent in construction. The people of Great Britain have "growled" not a little at this heavy expenditure, but they have flattered themselves that they were getting the worth of their money in naval glory, and in the satisfaction of knowing that they were thus maintaining the traditional prestige of the British flag upon the sea. Now, however, with a change in the Admiralty, the facts come out in justification of a request for an unusually large appropriation, that the British navy is not so strong as the people thought, by a great deal. On paper the fleet includes 55 iron clads, of which 41 are sea going ships and 15 adapted to coast defense; but of the former class five are still on the stocks, with no chance of being completed within the present year; nine are utterly good for nothing, except to break up for old iron; nine are unfit for service, because their boilers are in such a condition that it would not be safe to make steam enough in them to give the ships steerage, and four are now undergoing very thorough and expensive repairs. Of the second class, five are on foreign stations, and are not worth sending for. There remains, then, of iron clads, available in an emergency, only 23 altogether. Beside these, there is a fleet of corvettes, gunboats and transports, which are considered of so little account that they are not counted as a part of the fighting navy.

The publication of these facts has given rise to what in England is called a "scare." The newspapers have begun to speculate upon the interesting question of whether, after all, the "battle of Dorking" may not actually happen in the event of a war with one or more of the great Continental powers. The condition of the navy has been fully considered in Parliament, and some very interesting facts have been brought out. It appears that during the ten years from 1863 to 1873 the government built, of sea-going ships, 226,000 tons, and during that time 215,000 tons were struck off the list of effective vessels, showing a gain of only 16,000 tons in ten years of extraordinary effort to make the navy formidable. During this period the annual rate of depreciation in new vessels is estimated at five per cent., which would make the life of a modern ship of war very much shorter than it used to be in the days of wooden frigates. The rate at which iron clads become obsolete is estimated at 3 per cent. per annum. The most curious and interesting fact concerning vessels of this class is the rapid deterioration of their boilers. Why this should be so no one has yet satisfactorily explained, but the fact remains that two first-class iron clads, built six years ago, are now receiving new boilers, and one built in 1866 required new boilers in 1870. As was shown in the recent debate in the House of Commons, this compares very unfavorably with the record of boilers in the merchant service. The records show that the introduction of improvements in the machinery of the iron clads has only resulted in hastening the deterioration of the boilers, and a committee has been appointed to investigate the subject.

With these facts before us, we are more than ever impressed with the fact that heavy armored ships are still an experiment, and an experiment which promises nothing. The day of great navies is past, and the type of the war vessel of the future has, we think, yet to be designed. A nation's best defense is the patriotism of its people and the wise and liberal statesmanship of its rulers. We have always thought, and still think, that the time is not far distant when the building of great iron batteries will be abandoned as a costly folly, and that small, fast sailing, easily managed ships, with the heaviest armament they can carry safely, will be found more available for both offensive and defensive purposes than the floating monsters upon which the British nation has expended so much money to no purpose. The rules of civilized warfare do not now permit the bombardment of defenseless seaboard cities, and by means of torpedoes ports may be effectually closed against hostile fleets. Moreover, a nation never has anything to protect at sea but its commerce, and our own experience shows that one swift cruiser can sweep the commerce of a nation from the seas, and that the greatest navy afloat could not protect it against privateers. Experience has also shown that no coast of any extent can be effectually blockaded, and great navies will soon be numbered, with walled cities and permanent fortifications, among the things which have been rendered obsolete with the progress of civilization.

The Mill River Disaster.

The recent disaster at the Mill River dam, by which three thriving manufacturing villages were swept away with great loss of life and property, is one of the most startling accidents which we have been called upon to record in a long while. On Saturday morning the Mill River Valley, from the dam to the town of Florence, was one of the most prosperous sections of Massachusetts in proportion to extent and population. Hundreds of substantial dwellings and manufactories attested the enterprise and wealth of the people. In a moment the rush of a torrent swept away two hundred persons unconscious of danger until escape was impossible, and property worth at least a million of dollars. Most of the factories and the greater part of the dwellings were carried away by the flood, happiness has given place to universal mourning for the dead, and rich and poor alike are dependent upon charity for the means of subsistence. A week ago it would have been difficult to find a community more prosperous and happy: to-day it would be difficult to find one more impoverished and grief stricken.

To what extent this terrible calamity is due to causes which might have been guarded against, can only be determined by the investigation which will doubtless be instituted. The testimony is conflicting as to whether the dam was properly built in the first place, and whether it was or was not believed to be strong enough to hold the great body of water confined by it. If a niggardly economy on the part of the owners of the dam, in neglecting to strengthen it after a suspicion of its strength was aroused, permitted a calamity

which might have been averted, those who are responsible should be visited with the heaviest penalties imposed by the law for gross carelessness resulting in loss of life. With only the statements of news gatherers and correspondents, written in a time of intense excitement, to guide us in forming an opinion, we have none to express on the subject. The first and only immediate lesson to be learned from the terrible calamity is the necessity for looking after dams of this character, especially at this season. Such structures should be frequently inspected by expert and disinterested engineers, and companies chartered for the construction of such works should be held accountable for any loss of property resulting from causes against which they might have guarded. Loss of life is something for which no compensation can be made, but loss of life seldom occurs from the bursting of dams without destruction of property, and when we make companies owning water powers responsible, pecuniarily, for property damaged or destroyed, they will take care that their dams are strong enough to resist the pressure of any body of water that may flow into or over them. In matters of this kind there should be no divided responsibility and no "limited liability."

The poor people who have lost everything but life by this disaster are certainly objects of sympathy, and the quick and generous response which has been made to the appeals for aid in their behalf is creditable to the business community.

Foreign Commerce of New York.

The statistics of our foreign commerce for the month of April and the four months ended therewith, show a falling off in both imports and exports. The importations amount to \$149,114,698, against \$157,284,255 for the first four months of 1873, and \$159,547,844 for the corresponding period of 1872. The movement is shown in detail as follows:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK FOR THE FOUR MONTHS FROM JAN. 1.

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Ent. for con...	\$82,616,870	\$71,375,103	\$63,815,578
Ditto for ware-	65,371,388	48,105,657	41,968,991
Free goods...	10,921,755	36,158,662	42,062,465
Spec. and bul-	637,831	1,644,833	1,267,464
Wh. ent. at port	\$159,547,844	\$157,284,255	\$149,114,698
Withd'n fr'm	46,298,490	44,063,091	41,080,161

The exports of the past four months, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1873 and 1872, are:

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN PORTS FOR FOUR MONTHS FROM JANUARY 1.

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Domestic produce	\$96,647,319	\$85,423,164	\$87,108,401
For. free goods	544,846	926,751	701,913
Do dutiable	3,293,811	2,441,614	2,581,449
Specie and bullion	9,736,141	18,219,705	10,646,197
Total exports...	\$99,922,117	\$96,810,234	\$100,937,960
Total exports, exclusive of specie	70,485,986	88,791,529	90,391,763

The following tables show the imports and exports at this port for the first ten months of the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1874:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK FOR TEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Six months...	\$183,028,276	\$169,326,050	\$177,517,854
January...	35,679,456	37,395,691	30,310,679
February...	38,306,143	38,660,517	35,439,646
March...	39,218,268	43,440,621	42,599,446
April...	46,443,957	37,179,426	40,764,927
Tot. for 10 mos.	\$342,576,129	\$356,610,305	\$326,632,552
Deduct specie...	2,244,387	6,461,493	17,081,570
Total mds...	\$340,331,739	\$350,148,812	\$309,550,982

EXPORTS (EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE) FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN PORTS FOR TEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Six m'ths end-			
Jan. 1...	\$119,604,290	\$130,430,814	\$160,757,524
January...	18,351,040	20,095,550	22,455,638
February...	17,915,169	21,139,032	20,735,911
March...	16,530,019	21,982,290	22,909,218
April...	17,089,784	25,619,768	25,301,286
Total product...	\$190,090,266	\$219,192,343	\$251,149,987
Add specie...	32,037,065	53,063,848	31,496,574
Total exports...	\$222,127,331	\$272,256,191	\$282,636,561

These latter show a falling off in imports, a gain in exports of merchandise, and a falling off in specie exports, as compared with 1873 and 1872.

The steamboat owners have won their fight in the House of Representatives, but they have before them the prospect of a tough struggle in the Senate. The steamboat inspection law of 1870 saddled upon the steamboatmen a number of patented contrivances of which none were better than many which could have been had at smaller cost, and few as good. These they were required to purchase at the manufacturers' prices and use upon their boats, in order to obtain certificates of proper equipment, without which they could not carry passengers. As an instance of the gross injustice done them, we may mention a fact which deserves to be remembered. The law required that cork life preserving jackets should be provided, and the West-

ern inspectors agreed that no life preservers should be approved in which the cork was not visible. This was all right in appearance, but it was soon discovered that the object of this rule was to make a market for a life preserver identical with those in common use, with the exception of a hole in the canvass covering to show the cork inside, on which some enterprising manufacturer had obtained a patent. Unfortunately for the steamboatmen, the amendments to the law of 1870, which passed the House a few days ago, are vigorously opposed by a very strong combination, including the railroadmen who naturally wish to place all the obstacles they can in the way of steamboating, the inspectors, and those interested in the patents before mentioned. The fact that the steamboat owners have carried their point against this opposition in the House should encourage them to make an equally vigorous effort in the Senate. The only way to diminish the dangers of river navigation without injury to a very important interest, is to hold the owners of steamboats to a strict account for carelessness or neglect of proper precautions for safety, and then leave them free to act according to their judgment as regards the means to be adopted. The more closely one's duty is defined by law, the less the sense of personal responsibility and personal obligation, so long as the letter of the law is observed. What we need, is that the responsibility for life and property should be fixed where it belongs, and when this is done steamboat owners and railroad managers will find the means of making travel by rail and water safer than it is now.

On Saturday last fifteen steamers left this harbor for foreign ports, mostly with full cargoes and passenger lists, especially those for Europe. Not many years ago the announcement of the departure of one steamer would have brought a crowd of spectators to the Battery to witness the sight, which is now a matter of such common occurrence as scarcely to attract notice. We venture the opinion, however, that such a sight as may be seen every Saturday in the bay between the hours of noon and 3 p. m., is rarely witnessed in any part of the world. So animated a spectacle, with such picturesque surroundings, cannot fail to interest anyone who will take the trouble to see it. But while justly proud of our commercial pre-eminence, it is humiliating to think that in this great fleet of ocean steamers our flag is so poorly represented. So far as we know, but one steamer built and owned in this country, sailed from here on Saturday for a foreign port—the City of Panama, for Aspinwall.

Mr. Charles J. Nourse, Chairman of the Pig Iron Committee of the American Iron and Steel Association, has called a meeting of pig iron manufacturers, to be held on Thursday morning, the 28th inst., at the rooms of the association, No. 265 South 4th street, Philadelphia, to consider subjects of interest to the iron trade. It is expected that the meeting will urge decisive action by Congress on the financial question, and on the proposition to restore the ten per cent. duty taken off by the act of 1872. The call has been approved by the leading iron manufacturers.

IRON TRUSS BRIDGES.

Comparison of the American and European Systems and Methods of Construction.*

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The progress of the manufacture of iron and of mechanical and railroad engineering within a small number of years has resulted in the development of the numerous systems of bridges which are now used. It was necessary that gave the great impulse in this direction, and though nearly all of the general systems and also quite a number of essential details used in the present structures had been used, or, at least, been recommended by earlier writers, yet their ideas had to be reinvented, Europe and America exchanging their improvements.

At the beginning of wrought iron bridge building, Europe, not far enough advanced for the correct construction of iron arch bridges, turned her eyes to the wooden trusses developed meanwhile by the Americans, and proceeded to build the systems of Town, Long, Pratt and Howe in iron, while America continued until lately to use wooden bridges almost exclusively for her great net of railways.

And when the necessity had arrived to replace these perishable wooden structures by durable iron bridges, America had the opportunity of using the experience and a number of essential details which, meanwhile, had been tried by European practice.

In the selection of these details, and in their application to their wants, the American engineers have shown a great deal of practical tact; and within a few years they have produced a system which by appearance, by simplicity, solidity and economy is favorably distinguished from the system used in Europe.

This, with most of its details, has been

worked out in England, where the abundance of cheap material has inclined it to a system in which can readily be recognized the principle to build exclusively of angles and plates, and, if possible, to use the rolled bars in the same shape as furnished by the mills. The Americans have not limited themselves by such a rule, but are governed by the broader business principle, to apply that construction by which the technical purpose can be carried out with the least quantity of total labor, all factors being considered.

It is made the subject of the present paper to show how they have done this, and by what proportions and in what details their designs differ from European arrangements.

Of course, reference is made only to those structures which leading American firms, with almost congruous details, are in the habit of erecting, whose study would soon dispense those prejudices which have been created in Europe on account of disasters which were caused by insufficiently experienced builders. Similar disasters have also happened in Europe, and their number was less, not on account of the superiority of her systems, but principally on account of the strict governmental supervision, which in the United States, on account of her public institutions, has not been introduced.

The differences between the two systems can be found to consist in the degree of excellency of the applied general arrangement; in the use of the proper proportions between length and depth of span and the length of panels; in the form, character and strains of the applied metal; in the mode of forming connections; in the application of castings, and in the manner of erection.

Each of these points in the following will receive some consideration.

The general systems of American truss bridges, when compared with those used in Europe, are striking by their simplicity. It may be said that of all the different forms there are two which excel all others, and are bound to be used exclusively in the future. These trusses have parallel chords, and either vertical or inclined web posts. The trusses with vertical posts and inclined tie-bars are called "Pratt or Whipple" trusses, and may have vertical or inclined end posts, and single, double, or more fold intersections of diagonals. The others are Neville or Warren trusses, posts and diagonals being inclined either at equal angles, or the posts may be inclined differently from the ties. In point of economy, when all circumstances are fairly considered, the quadrangular or Pratt truss seems to afford the greatest advantages, from the reasons that it can be built higher, that it can be manufactured and erected somewhat more easily, and that the cross bearers can be more substantially attached to the posts than is the case when the posts are inclined.

Since these truss bridges are built so that each tensile member can articulate around the theoretical points of intersection of the center lines, the suppositions of the theory are almost strictly carried out. This is not the case with the European riveted structures, for each part of these bridges will receive a moment of flexure at the points of connection, and the theoretical center lines mostly do not intersect in one point, around which free turning motions should take place. Though it is possible to prove that these moments of flexure are not large when compared with the total moment of the bridge, they nevertheless will affect the rivet connections and add strains in certain points, which accumulate to 30 per cent. and more of the calculated strains. This is a very considerable increase, equivalent to an addition to the load of 30 per cent. The effect of this and other irregularities probably can only be shown after the use of such structures during a greater number of years, and will certainly shorten their lifetime. The simple American structures are free from such objection.

Again, the majority of European bridges are built on the now antiquated lattice plan, according to which all systems of diagonals are connected with each other by rivets at the points of intersection. Of course, it is totally impossible to calculate with any degree of correctness the strain in any of these members, nor is it possible to state what is the exact strain in a chord, because the web system takes up a part of the moments. The American structures mentioned, on the contrary, are arranged in such a manner that each system of ties and posts is totally independent of the other. This is strictly true for single triangular trusses and for quadrangular trusses with vertical end posts, while for Pratt trusses, with a double system of diagonals and posts and with inclined end posts, the connection of both systems takes place only at the end top joints, where the influence of this deviation is less than that caused by the value of one panel load divided by the number of panels of the bridge.

These being the differences concerning the general systems of European truss bridges when constructed with parallel chords and open web systems, there are still very great points in favor of the general systems of American bridges when compared with European trusses with chords not parallel, not to speak of the antiquated tubular or the plate bridges.

Let us compare for a moment the action of a parabolic girder with that of a truss with parallel chords. The web of a parabolic girder under full load is inactive, and its office must be done by the curved chords, while the web of a Neville or of a Pratt truss under uniform and full load is almost fully in action. The parabolic girder is arranged so that only under a certain condition is the web active. The maxima web strains are but small, and this must lead to a considerable amount of web metal when compared with its office.

The trusses with parallel chords lose a comparatively far smaller amount of metal in the web systems. The parabolic truss, or any other

with curved chords, loses always a considerable amount of the material by the increase of the chord sections, and this loss is not made good by saving in the web. Professor Culmann, in Zurich, has proved theoretically that there is a remarkable difference in favor of the trusses with parallel chords, and experienced practical bridge builders will endorse his result. For a large span with one curved chord, under the supposition of proper lateral bracing in top and bottom surfaces, the difference in cost and value may not be so very great, because it is easier to build the web system without material loss of metal, though extra cost of workmanship and an additional quantity of chord material must still be expected; but when we turn to analyze trusses with two curved chords, or with but one lateral bracing in the bottom floor, we will have to do with structures far inferior to any good truss with parallel chords. This is the fact, from three reasons: namely, because of the increased difficulty of manufacture; then from the necessity of forming a straight floor surface, which can only be accomplished by another addition of metal; and finally, because of the deficiency of lateral stiffness of the top chords.

Curved top chords without lateral connections must be considered as pillars, being as long as the whole span, which can bend out laterally.

These chords consequently should be very wide and stiff, and should contain more material than is generally the case. The stiffening knees, which in most cases are attached to cross bearers and posts, are expensive, and their efficiency can merely be guessed at. Such a top chord should always be built continuously. The parabolic or similarly formed chords without proper lateral bracing are, therefore, of inferior strength when compared with straight and parallel chords; they require more iron, and their workmanship is more expensive and less trustworthy.

Bridges with curved top and bottom chords of course are still less economical, since also a straight floor will have to be formed, with the expense of material and labor.

When the great expense connected with such structures has been proved, their alleged beautiful lines are generally recommended. But how can a structure be called beautiful if, as is the case with the bridge across the Elbe River at Hamburg, it is obvious that its arrangements are not appropriate to the wants, while even professional men cannot detect any sufficient reason to warrant the deviation from approved and simpler forms?

In order to give an example to show that no material is gained by the adoption of curved chords, a bridge across the Brahe River in Prussia can be mentioned. It is a bow-string truss, 81 feet long and 10 feet deep, praiseworthy being very light, with 752 pounds per lineal foot, while a through Pratt truss for the same rolling load could have been built more than 20 per cent. lighter, causing considerably less labor for manufacture and erection.

As another example for comparison, the 210 foot trusses with curved top-chords of the Elbe bridge on the Berlin-Lehrte Railroad may be quoted. It is a double track bridge designed for a rolling load of 2450 pounds per lineal foot of track, the section being 11,000 pounds per square inch of section. The iron of this structure (depth of truss being one-seventh of the span) weighed 1360 pounds per lineal foot, so that a single track bridge would have had about 1570 pounds per foot.

The Pratt trusses of over 200 feet on the Grand Trunk Railway, of Canada, built by the Phoenixville Bridge Works, are designed for 3000 pounds per lineal foot, are strained in the average to only about 9000 pounds per square inch, and weigh over 25 per cent. less than the much weaker Elbe bridge. Certainly there must exist valuable advantages in favor of this bridge built by American engineers, which have induced the Canadian government to introduce this style of structure on their road.

Finally, when we consider how slow and tedious is the calculation and the designing of bridges with curved chords, while the calculation of forces, sections, weights and price of an American bridge requires but some hours, and the designing part only a few days, we shall arrive at the conclusion that the few principles of the theory form by far the least part of the knowledge of a bridge builder, but that it is far more difficult to design proper details and become familiar with the amount of labor, with the weights, prices and other experience. It requires many years to study the material, detail arrangements and the erection of bridges, but it takes only about as many days to learn the really valuable points of the theory of the general arrangement of bridges.

Now a few words more must be added concerning continuous bridges.

These are still favored by many European engineers, who hope thereby to save a part of the material.

The writer of these lines himself had for some time thought that it might be possible, by application of pin joints, by reducing the number of parts, by the use of proper scales and adjustments for the regulation of the pressures on the three or more piers of a continuous bridge, and by the use of scientifically correct and complete formulae, to produce reliable continuous trusses, by means of which the large rivers of this country could be spanned without the use of false works.

The writer, with a great deal of labor, had constructed an analytical expression, which embraced the relation of the moments of flexure over three consecutive piers of a continuous girder. In this formula due attention was given not only to the deflections caused by the chords, but also to those due to the tensile and compressive members of the web system. In this formula was introduced the actual section of each separate member. It therefore did away with two errors of the formulae generally quoted in books, which are only applicable

when the girders are very shallow and when the web is a plate, and which even under those suppositions do not coincide very satisfactorily with experiments.

Notwithstanding the theoretical improvements mentioned, it was finally found that the labor spent in finding said formula had been in vain, from a reason which in Europe, as far as known, has not received any consideration. It is the great variability of the modulus of elasticity, which in the formulae of the books is supposed to be a constant value of about 25,000,000 pounds per square inch.

But the writer has tested during his presence at the Phoenix Iron Works many thousands of eye-bars, made for actual use in bridges, and he has found that the modulus of these members is very changeable, namely from 18,000,000 to over 40,000,000 pounds per square inch, so that small sections give the lowest and large sections the greatest figures. The same result was obtained by the Canadian engineer, who inspected the iron for the International Bridge near Buffalo, as well as by Mr. B. Nicholson, who was sent to Phoenixville by the government officers of the United States to inspect the iron for the Mississippi bridge at Rock Island.

The figures obtained for bars of the same section and lot, however, were remarkably uniform.

This result proves that to the objections against continuous girder bridges one must be added which cannot be overcome by calculation, nor by manufacture, and that consequently the strains of such bridges are always uncertain, if at least the same section is not used throughout the whole bridge.

Of course the modulus of riveted work is still less reliable than that of eye-bars, and thus we see that the supposition of a uniform modulus of elasticity on which the whole edifice of the extended theory of continuous girders is built, must be considered as utterly incorrect, and the conclusions drawn from such suppositions must be refused.

Moreover no material is gained by the principle of continuity when large spans are built high enough, for in this case whatever material can be saved in the chords will be entirely lost in the web system, while small spans should not be crossed by continuous bridges at all.

The same result will be obtained when we compare the weights of well built European continuous bridges with the weights of large single spans designed on the American plan.

For this purpose the dimensions and weights of the great Russian bridge over the Dnieper River at Kremenzug may be quoted. This structure consists of a number of double track continuous lattice girders over pairs of openings of 387 feet each, and was designed by Professor Sternberg, of Karlsruhe, in Germany, for a rolling load of 2660 pounds per lineal foot of track, and for strains of 9800 pounds per square inch, both tensile and compressive. The iron work of this bridge, being one of the finest specimens of the kind, and designed with the greatest possible economy, weighs 2300 pounds per foot and track, so that a single track bridge would have weighed at least 2700 pounds per foot. An experienced bridge engineer knows that he can obtain with single span trusses equally small weights under application of the American system of bridging, the life loads and the tensile strains being the same as in the Kremenzug bridge, while the compressive strains are varied according to the length and diameter.

We now proceed to the consideration of the proportions of length of span to depth of truss, and of the lengths of panels.

Until lately almost all European bridges were arranged very shallow. The plate girders and tubular girders were the lowest, the lattice bridges followed in height, and by degrees were arranged simpler and also higher. The firm of Kramer & Klett, in Nuremberg, who had improved on the fish-belly or Laves-Pauli truss nearly as far as was possible under application of riveted connections, could use the greatest depths, and could apply at the bridge of Mainz a standard of good proportions which, as far as known to the writer, for such spans and such purposes has not been surpassed.

On the whole, however, American engineers build their trusses deeper, and they can afford to do so, simply because they use better forms of compressional and tensile members, and therefore are not limited in height of web by rapid increase of its weights, much as is the case under application of the lattice plan.

In close connection with the depth stands the length of panels, which also in Europe on the average are made shorter.

The Kullemburg bridge has panels of 13½ feet, the Rhine bridge at Mannheim has already panels of 15 feet. This is a good length, but has been surpassed already in America by building quadrangular trusses with panels of 17 to 20 feet.

It is plain that by such an arrangement the number of parts is diminished and workmanship is reduced, while at the same time the weights of cross-bearers and stringers are increased.

But this is a great advantage for these long beams not only are more elastic, but also are heavy, and bring more material in the right place, namely, where it will be directly opposed to the life load.

The greater depths of American trusses diminish the deflections, which by General Morin are fixed between the limits of 1-600 to 1-800 of the span, while American practice has reduced them to just about one-half of these amounts.

The longer panels of well built American bridges, and the great cubic contents of heavy and long track ties and guard rails arranged in connection with such floors, certainly remove any objection which could be derived from a high degree of vertical stiffness, while the small deflection, on the other hand, will reduce additional strains arising from centrifugal force, if the proper camber of the floor should not have been obtained. A few examples of the influence of great speed on deflections, and,

therefore, also on the strains of bridges, may find a place here.

The Rhine bridge at Mainz has spans of 344 feet, the depth being 1-7 of the length.

A freight train of 296 tons, under a speed of four miles an hour, caused a deflection of 1-931 inches; speed of 25 miles an hour caused a deflection of 1-988 inches.

Therefore, the increase of strain by the increase in speed amounted to 2½ per cent., while the Cologne Bridge over the Rhine River, with a depth of 1-11-6 of the span, showed an increase of 3½ per cent., and would have had 4½ per cent. if it were not constructed on the continuous plan.

Some spans of the bridges on the Cologne-Giessen Railroad showed increases of strains and deflections equal to 8 per cent., when the trains passed at high speed, over those strains and deflections obtained by the same but static loads.

An article in the *Annales des ponts et Chaussées* of the year 1871 fixes the increase of strains due to increased deflections under quick passing loads to 10 per cent., while for well-designed deep American structures an increase not exceeding that of the Mainz Bridge can justly be expected.

The immediate action of the engine and cars on the iron can be counteracted very effectively and very economically by placing long and heavy wooden ties and guard rails between rails and bridges, and this wood by its great volume and small modulus of elasticity is the proper material to answer the purpose of checking the consequences of a derailment.

The mode of neutralizing the effect of impacts on well-designed American iron bridges, therefore, consists especially in the proper design in general, while English engineers have suggested and have used for this purpose heavy ballast of stone and gravel, and lately endeavor to excuse the waste of material of their system on the same score.

If we need stronger bridges than those which are built at present, this task must be accomplished by the use of the most rational and most economical system in combination with a moving load greater than that specified at present, but certainly not by reducing the strength of the structure under the load of waste metal.

The effect of this kind of medicine would be precisely the same as that of building the bridge on the safest and most economical plan, but of finally putting the material saved on the bridge floor, say, in the shape of scrap iron, and this method would still have that preference over the one recommended by some English engineers of being the cheaper of the two.

In comparing European with American bridges, differences are met with in regard to class of material, its sections and strains, as well as with reference to the supposed movable loads.

In both systems preferably wrought iron is used. The application of cast iron in Europe at present is confined to bed-plates and ornaments, while good practice in the United States permits its use for short chords of very heavy spans and for joint-boxes of wrought iron bridges. The justification of this practice rests on the undeniable merits, for certain purposes, of this metal, as well as on the excellent qualities of the cast iron which can be secured in the United States, and on the high degree of perfection to which its working has been brought. Indeed, in principle there is no reason why short cast iron joint-boxes of proper proportions should not be used, since we know that the lives of thousands of people daily depend on the safety of castings constituting the principal details of all sorts of machinery, and which in part have to stand the most severe impacts. In Europe there exist numbers of good brands of cast iron of sufficiently good quality to be used in bridges, and the disasters which have happened there from cast iron structures were rather due to bad design than to faults in the material.

Especially since the breaking down of a Howe Bridge in Austria, built on the Schifhorn patent, Continental engineers seem to condemn cast iron completely, and to consider this material as a half-finished product, which, in their opinion, should not enter into the construction of a first-class railway bridge. However, it should be borne in mind that hardly a more improper use could be made of that material than the one intended by the Austrian engineer mentioned. Short joint-boxes, in structures of experienced American engineers, are better designed and of sufficient thickness of metal.

Concerning wrought iron for tensile members, trustworthy European works use a metal of about the same tensile strength as that selected by responsible American firms.

The average of a great number of tests on iron intended for use in a great Russian bridge, manufactured in Belgium, is contained in the subsequent figures:

Horizontal chord-plates.			
Tensile strength	32,400 lbs.	extension	7 per cent.
Vertical chord-plates	51,740 "	"	6-15 "
Cover or joint-plates	55,700 "	"	5 "
Lateral wind-bars	49,600 "	"	5-6 "
Angle iron	60,200 "	"	11 "
Tensile diagonals	51,800 "	"	17 "
Shearing strength of rivets (single row)	48,300 "		

A few figures, determined by M. Morin for French iron are the following:

Angle iron from Hayance on the average.			
.....	56,000 lbs.	per sq. in.	
Flat iron	52,000 "	"	
Angle iron from Ars sur Moselle	50,000 "	"	
Double T iron	54,000 "	"	
Flat iron	53,300 "	"	

Again, for German iron the following figures were obtained by Mr. Wohler from iron furnished to the Markisch-Silesian Railway:

	lbs.	Strain on ultimate section.	Extension.
Phoenix Co. in Ruhrort axle iron	48,400	68,000	18 per cent.
Phoenix Co. in Ruhrort axle iron	49,500	73,400	12 "
Round iron from Koenigsbuehle	66,100	100,000	7 "
Round iron from Koenigsbuehle	56,300	90,000	21 "
Rivet iron from Borsig	76,000	107,000	22 "
Rivet iron from Borsig in Berlin	78,100	106,000	24 "

(To be continued.)

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Trade in Foreign Hardware participates in the prevailing dullness. Prices, in the absence of transactions of any magnitude, are without change. We announce with regret the death, in London, England, on Sunday last, of John V. Beam, Jr., senior partner in the well known importing house of Beam & Murray, of this city.

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SHEFFIELD, Eng., May 4, 1874.
GENERAL REMARKS.

Matters are dull in the cutlery trades, and, with the exception of a few American orders for best razors, carvers and table knives, a moderately good London demand for expensive cutlery *de luxe*, and a light home trade in general classes of pocket cutlery. The scissors manufacturers are only moderately employed—prices, as compared with those of their French and German rivals, being too high to secure bulky orders for common qualities. Spain, the East Indies, and one or two of the larger West India Islands are taking moderate quantities of goods, suited to their requirements—Spanish

TRADE OF BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE.

There is much depression in the iron trade proper of these districts, but there is, judging from the reports of the informed local ports, somewhat greater steadiness of tone this week, albeit there is no really visible improvement to record. There have been no further failures in Staffordshire up to the time of writing, a fact which has a tendency to give rather more confidence to both sellers and buyers. A few slight specifications for special brands of iron have been filled in, but they are wholly exceptional, as also is the latter price, which is only realized by Messrs. Barrows and Earl Dudley. How it is that this noble iron master—with his enormous stores of coal at the very doors of his works, and many other advantages over the majority of producers—continues to quote £14, or even £15. 12 6, per ton, is inexplicable. The quality of the iron is of the superior quality, which is the use of upholding a price at which he cannot sell other than the very smallest lots, and which has a bad general effect on the trade as a whole? There are but few orders for export, although some of the Birmingham merchants have just received a few specifications for hoops for the United States, plate for India. Some of these are not yet placed, and will be withheld until the market assumes a more settled aspect. Prices of bars are £10 to £12 (or £14 for the exceptions named above), sheets to 20 W. G., £14, 10, to £17; charcoal sheets to 20 W. G., £23; Messrs. Baldwin's B, £19; B B, £20; B B, £21, 10; best charcoal, £28; E B charcoal, £30, 10; rivet iron, £11 to £14; best do., £13 to £15, 10; nail rods, £11 to £14; boiler plates, £14, 10 to £17; angle iron, £11, 10 to £15; band iron, £11. 5 to £13; T's, £14 to £15; ordinary hoops, £12, 10 to £15, 10; horse shoe iron, £14, and best £15, 10; Besse-

is easier than at the date of my last letter. Tin and Copper are both down and may fall yet lower. There is a good business doing in the seller for the month of March. Zinc is quoted for London rolled, and standard, at £100 to £50 to £53 per ton. Messrs Von Dadelzeu & North's report says: *Copper* has been quiet, and at one moment the nearest quotation for g. o. b. Chili was £73 buyers, £73. 10 sellers; £74 has, however, since been paid for a considerable quantity, and there are buyers thereat, but sellers are very shy; best brands, £77. The delivery during the last fourteen days was 3500 tons. Wallaroo was sold at £85. 10; in immediate delivery, £84, and £83 three months off. *Burma* is comparatively cheap, and sold at £88. A fair business doing in English. Tin has been very inanimate, and only small lots sold. Our nearest quotations are £96 for Straits, and £94 for Australian. The delivery in April, 419 tons, was good, considering the lock-out in South Wales. In Holland Banca is quoted 58 fl. spot, and 56 fl. for delivery, ex. May and July sales. Billiton, 54 fl. English is scarce, and steady in price. *Common* tin, in immediate delivery, £44, and £43 for ordinary brands, with 10 to 60 more for special and best marks. The *Chill* charters for the month of March, as advised by cable, have been heavy. The market rallied a little before the receipt of the last cablegram, and £76, cash, was paid for g. o. b. In furnace material *Regulus* has been sold at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ per unit. At the Swansea sale, on the 28th inst., 1963 tons ore, average produce 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., realized 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ per unit. *Cape* ore bringing 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. The closing quotations were: *Cape* bar, £27. 6; £27. 47, according to brand; ores and *Regulus*, 14 6 to 15 per unit; *Coro Coro Barilla*, 16 per unit, with rather a better feeling at the close. Transactions for past fortnight are estimated at about 5000 tons *Chill* bars, the prices being principally on the basis of £73. 10 to £74 for good ordinary brands. Tin.—During the early part of the

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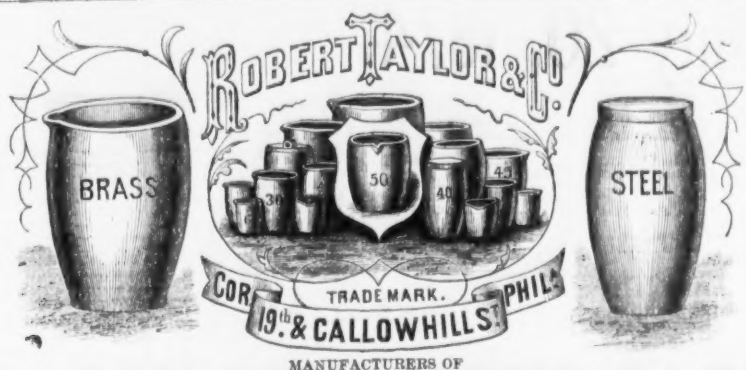
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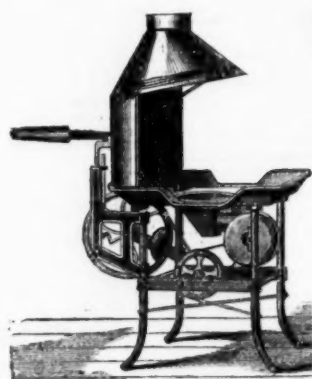
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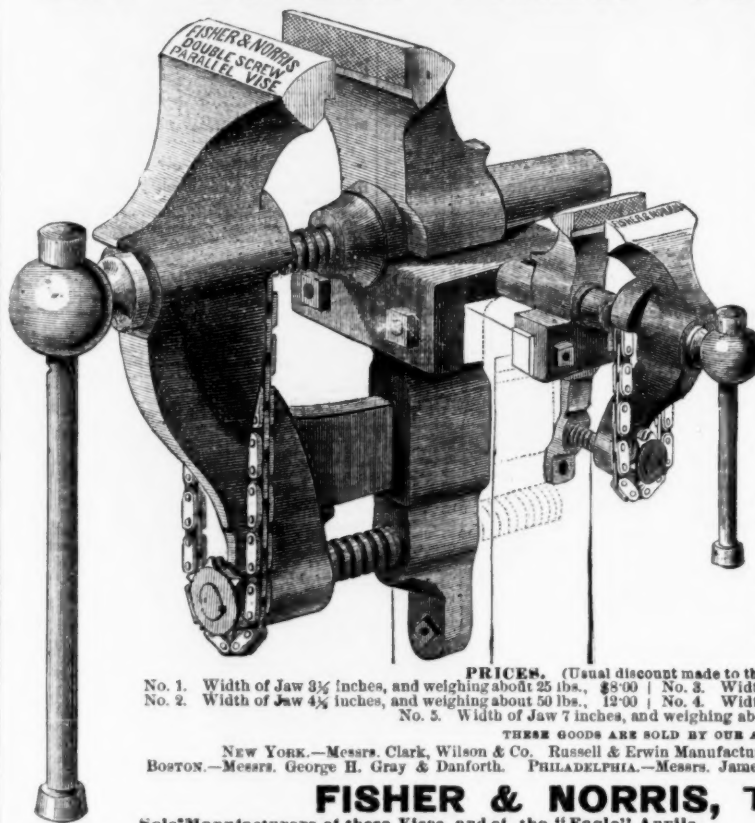
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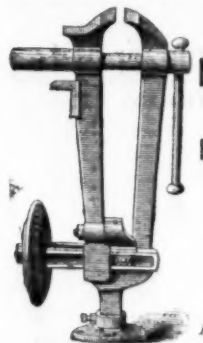
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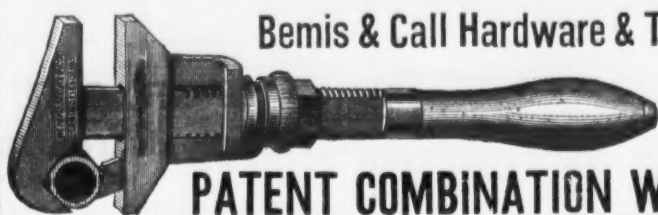
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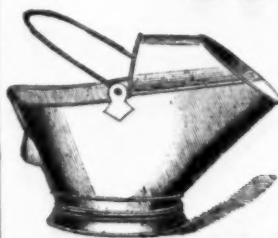
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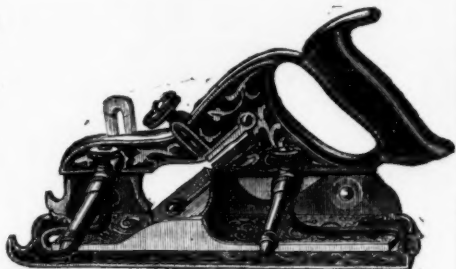
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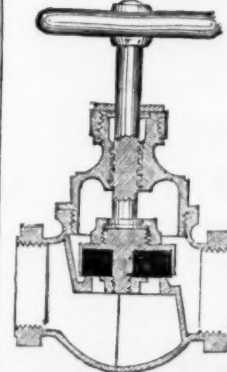
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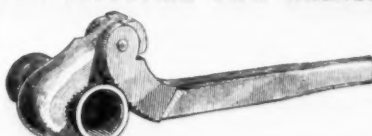
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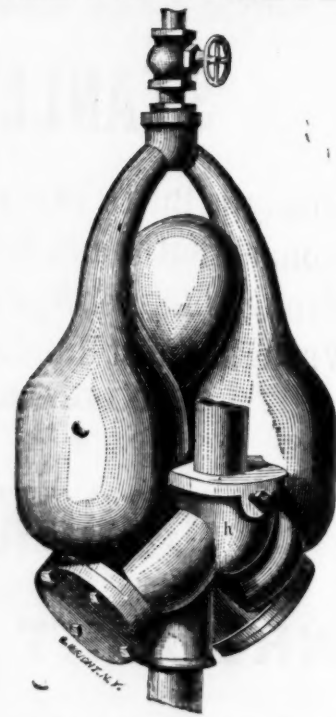
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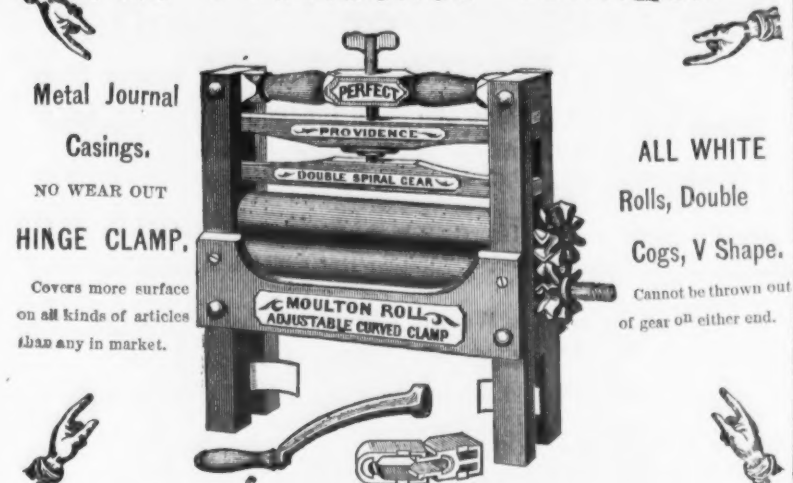
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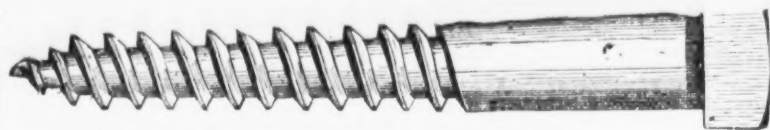
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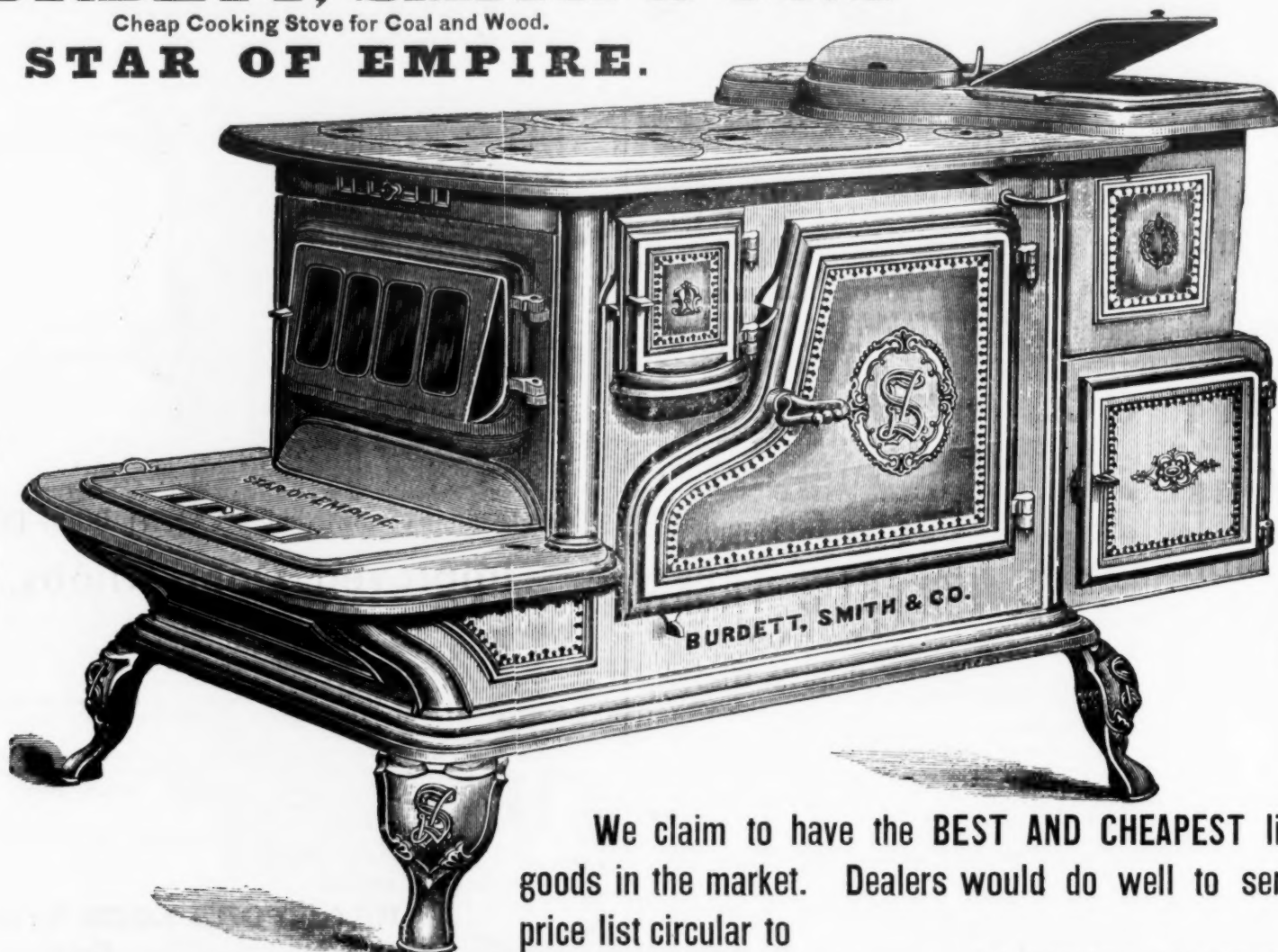
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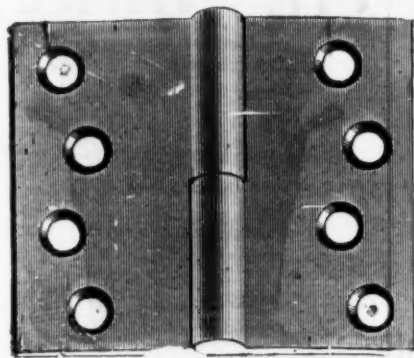
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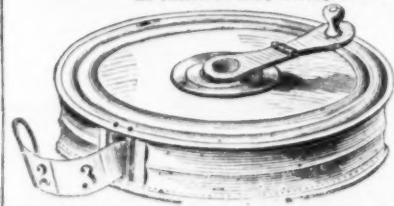


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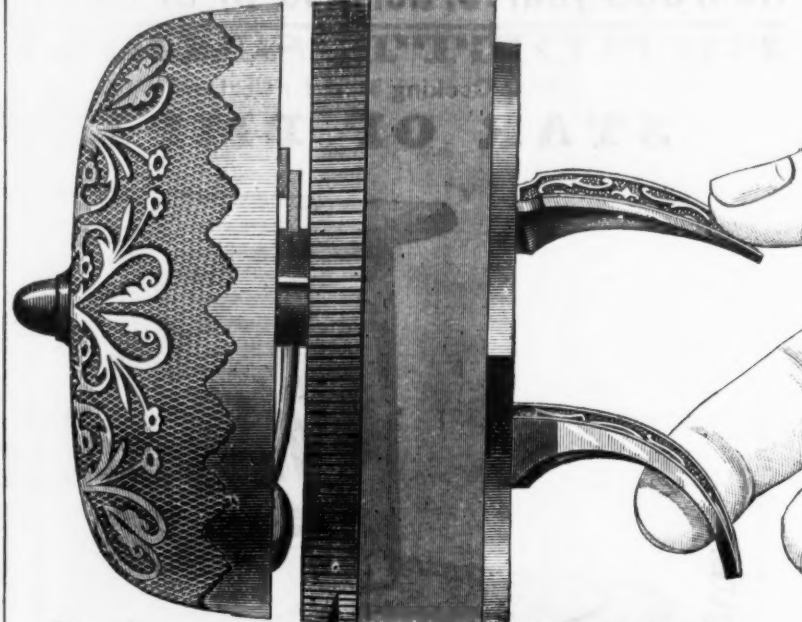
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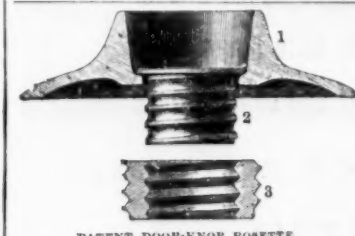
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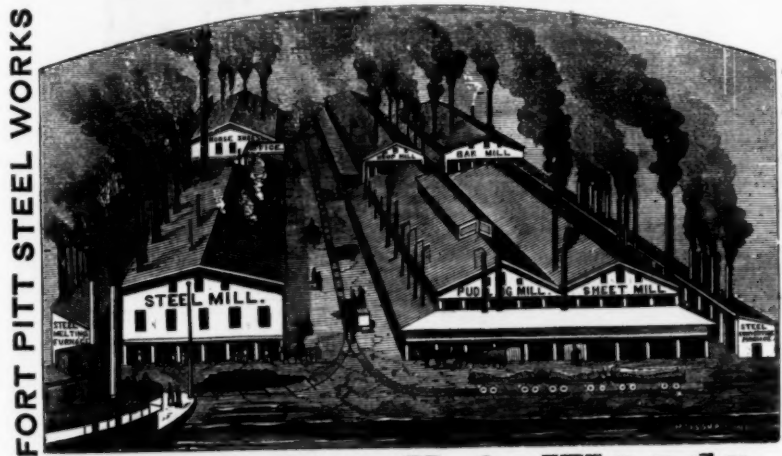
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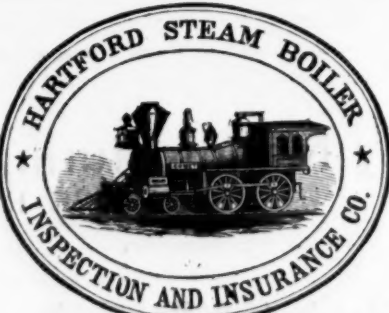
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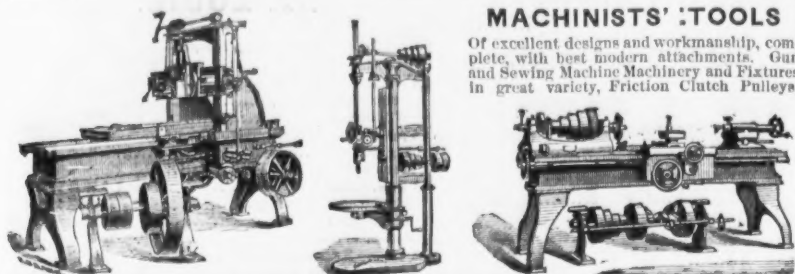
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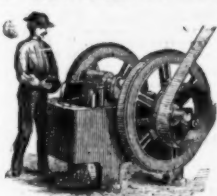
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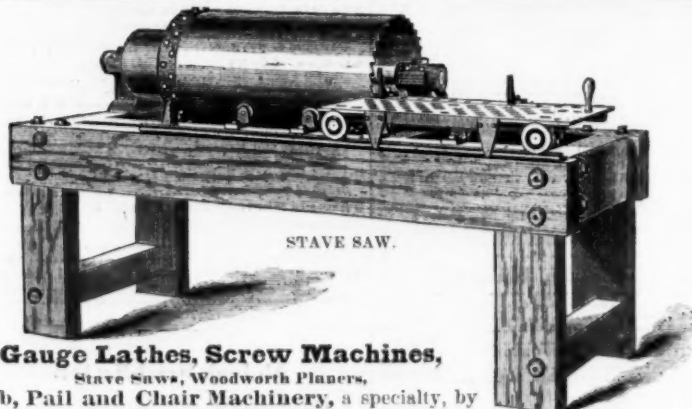
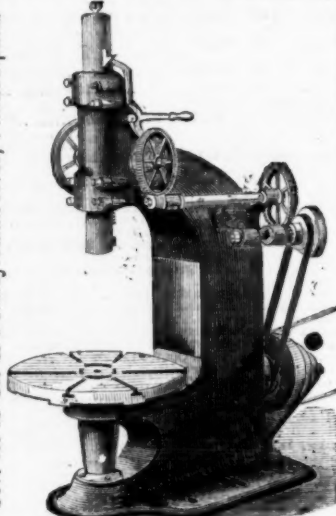
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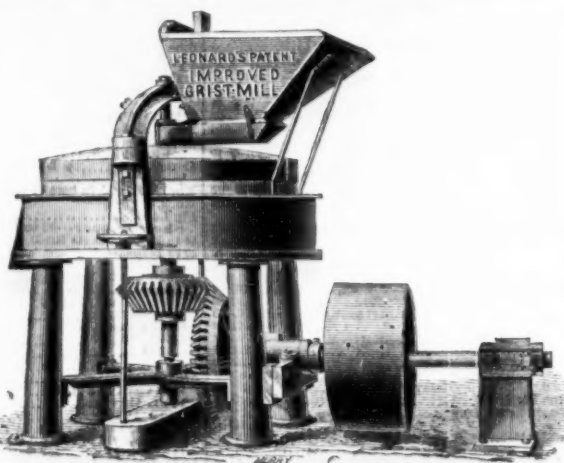
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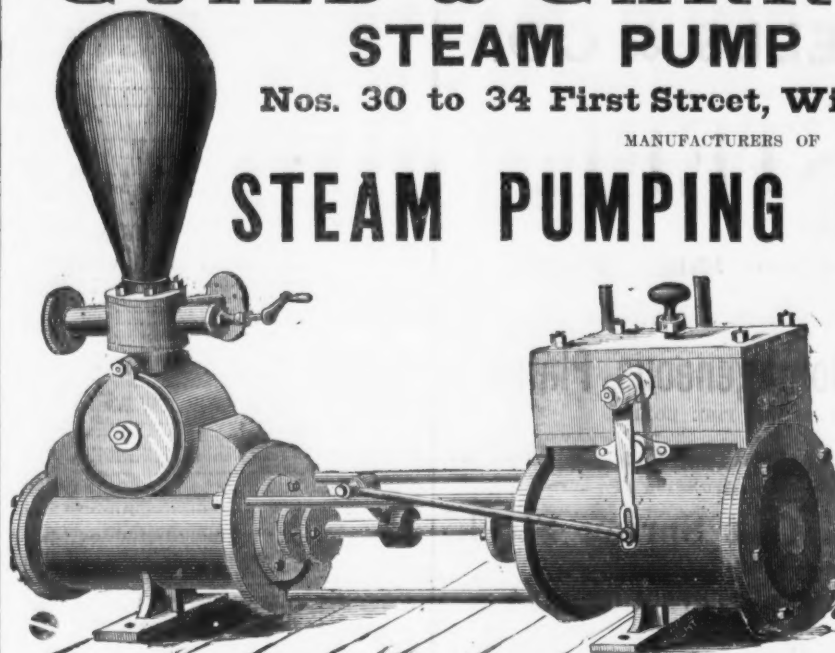
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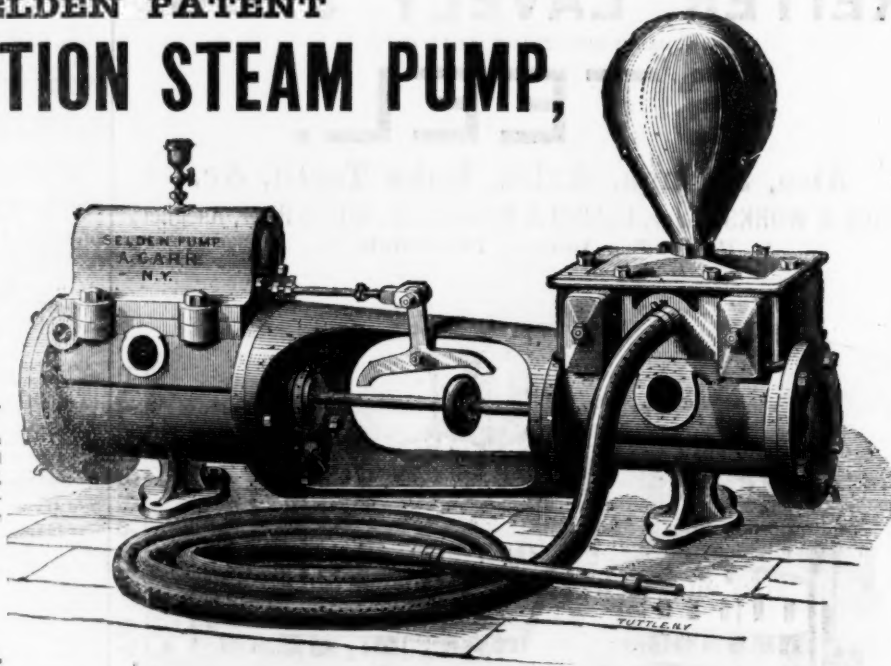
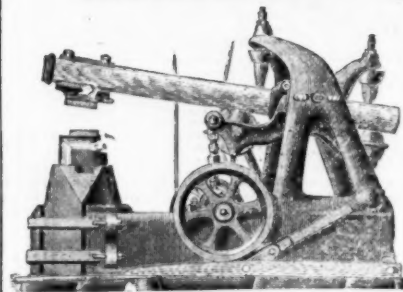
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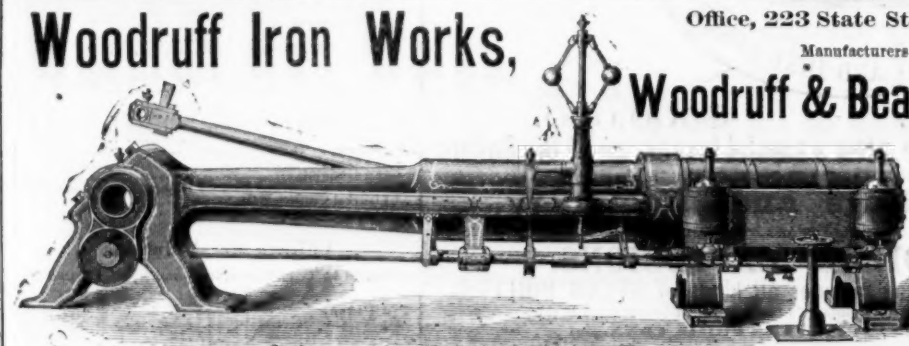
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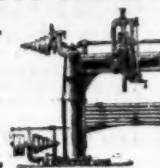
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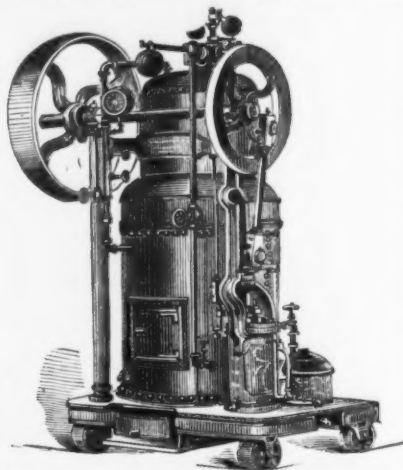
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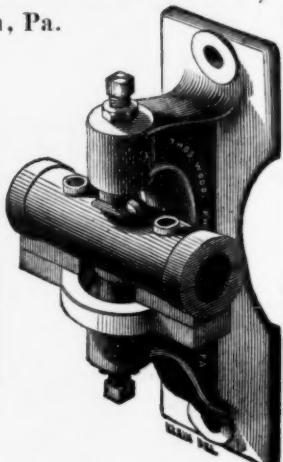
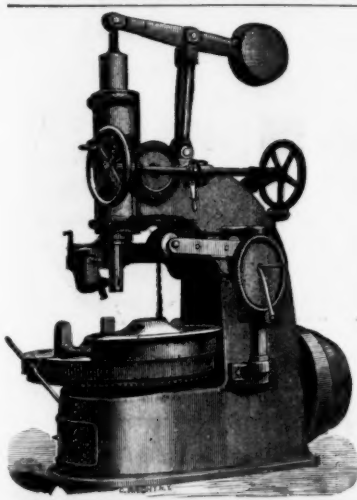
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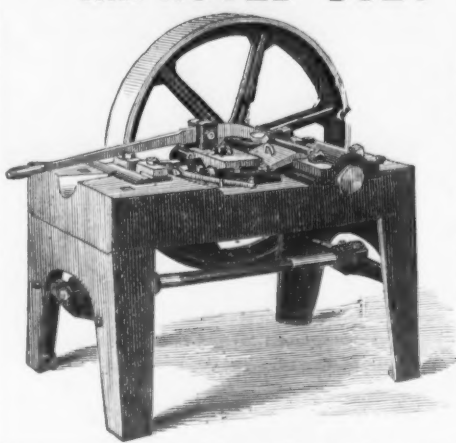
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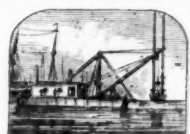
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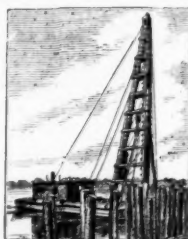
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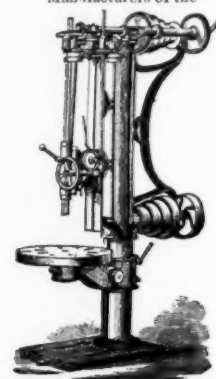
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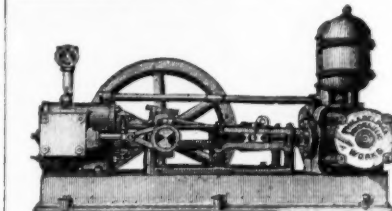
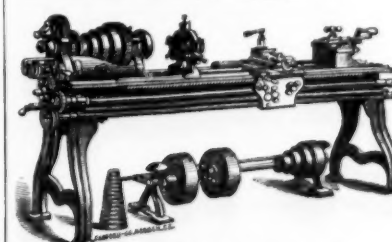
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